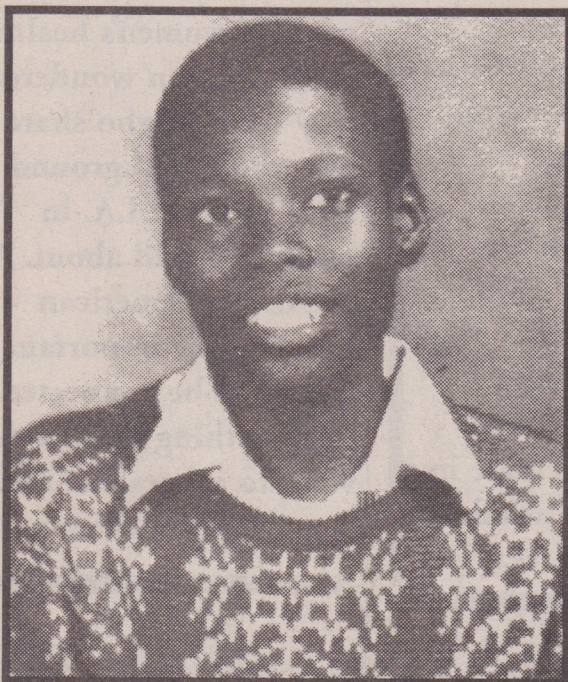


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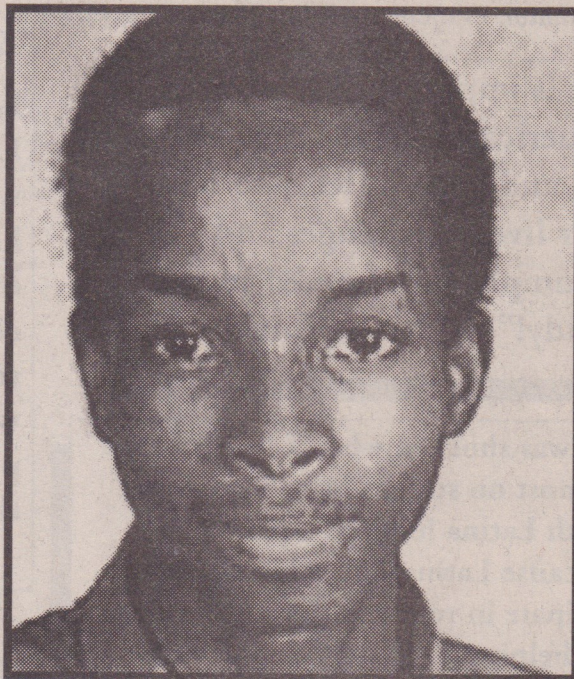
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Interviewer Marsha Flowers

"It is important for African-American lesbians to stand up and be counted—to have our lives, challenges and triumphs represented in this study!" —Nikita Buckhoy

"I was shocked when I learned that almost no studies have been done with Latina lesbians—primarily because Latinas are reluctant to participate in research. I am committed to helping to change this situation." — Frances Aranda

"Very little is known about Latina women's health. For our health concerns to be recognized, we need to participate in these studies." — Teresa Sosa

"I've always been interested in women's health issues. I often wondered why women who share my ethnic background seem to be M.I.A. in research I read about. As an African-American Lesbian, it's important for me to be connected to something that lends voice to others like me." — Marsha Flowers

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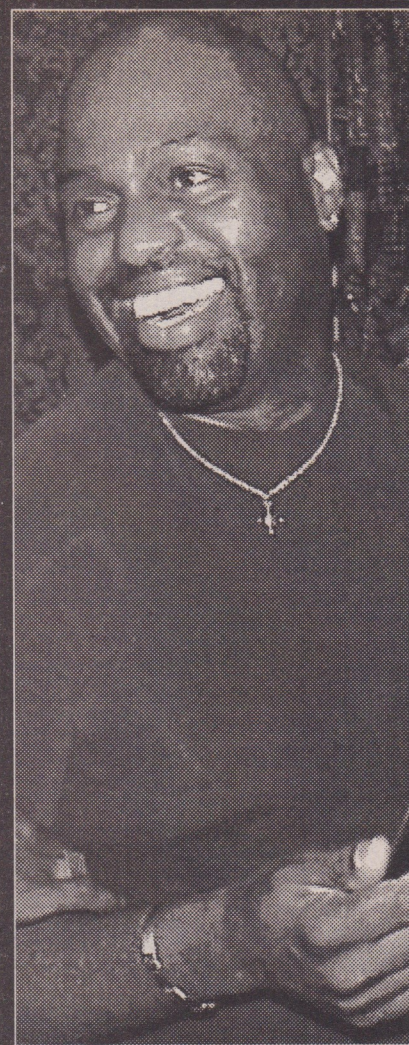
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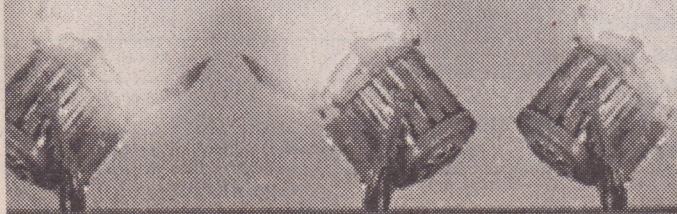


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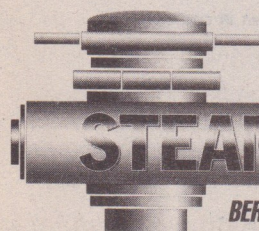
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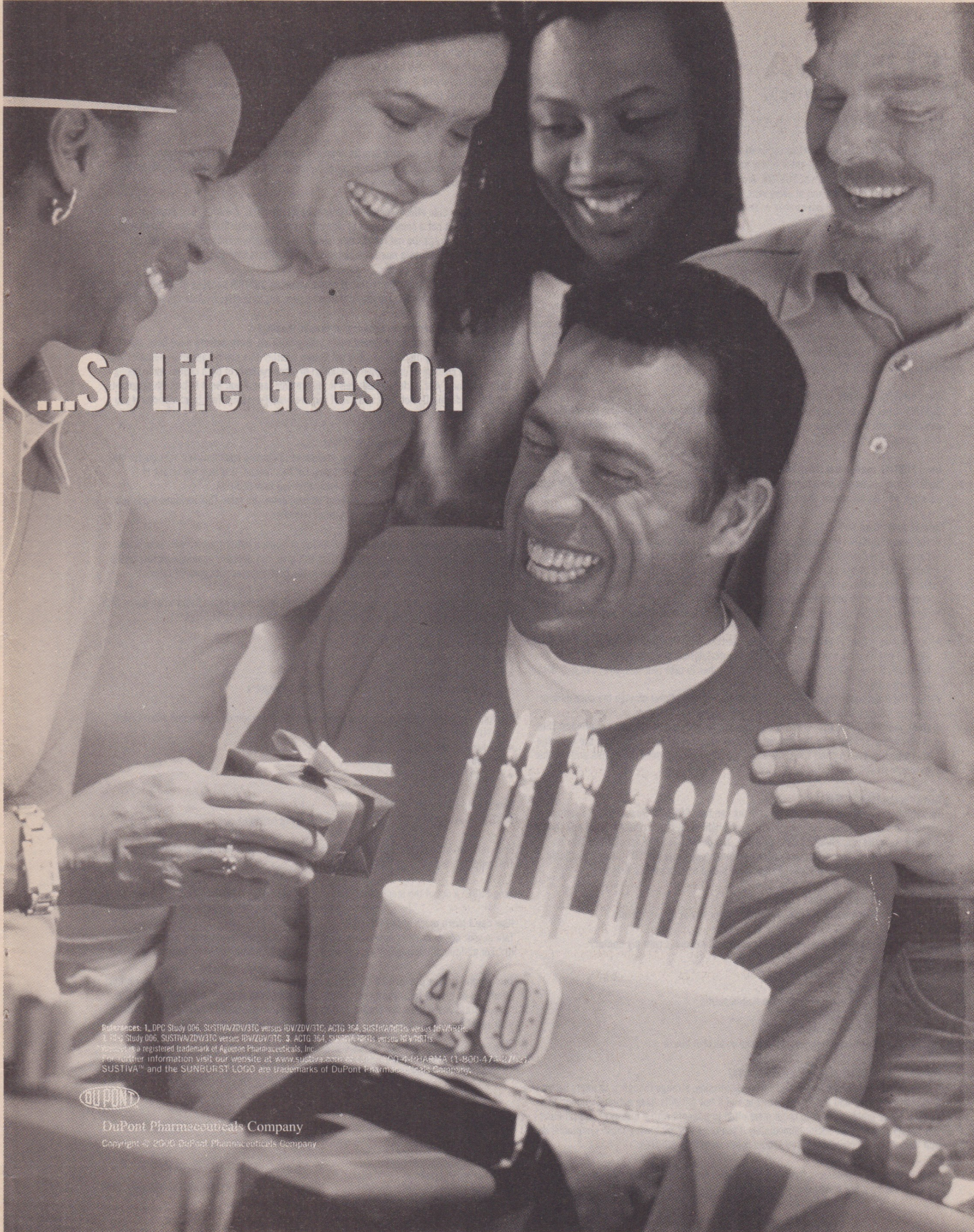
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SUSTIVA is not a cure for HIV or AIDS. People taking SUSTIVA may still develop other infections associated with HIV. Because of this, it is very important that you remain under the care of your doctor.

Does SUSTIVA reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

SUSTIVA has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others. Continue to practice safe sex, and do not use or share dirty needles.

How should I take SUSTIVA?

- The dose of SUSTIVA for adults is 600 mg (three 200 mg capsules, taken together) once a day by mouth. The dose of SUSTIVA for children may be lower (see **Can children take SUSTIVA?**).
- Take SUSTIVA at the same time each day. You should take SUSTIVA at bedtime during the first few weeks or if you have side effects, such as dizziness or trouble concentrating (see **What are the possible side effects of SUSTIVA?**).
- Swallow SUSTIVA with water, juice, milk or soda. You may take SUSTIVA with or without meals; however, SUSTIVA should not be taken with a high fat meal.
- Do not miss a dose of SUSTIVA. If you forget to take SUSTIVA, take the missed dose right away. If you do miss a dose, do not double the next dose. Carry on with your regular dosing schedule. If you need help in planning the best times to take your medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- Take the exact amount of SUSTIVA your doctor prescribes. Never change the dose on your own. Do not stop this medicine unless your doctor tells you to stop.
- When your SUSTIVA supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to SUSTIVA and become harder to treat.

Can children take SUSTIVA?

Yes, children who are able to swallow capsules can take SUSTIVA. Rash may be a serious problem in some children. Tell your child's doctor right away if you notice rash or any other side effects while your child is taking SUSTIVA. The dose of SUSTIVA for children may be lower than the dose for adults. Capsules containing lower doses of SUSTIVA are available. Your child's doctor will determine the right dose based on your child's weight.

Who should not take SUSTIVA?

Do not take SUSTIVA if you are allergic to SUSTIVA or any of its ingredients.

What other medical problems or conditions should I discuss with my doctor?

Talk to your doctor right away if you:

- Are pregnant or want to become pregnant
- Are breast-feeding
- Have problems with your liver, or have had hepatitis
- Start or change any medicine
- Have side effects while taking SUSTIVA
- Have a history of mental illness, substance or alcohol abuse

What are the possible side effects of SUSTIVA?

A small number of patients have had severe depression, strange thoughts, or angry behavior. Some patients have had thoughts of suicide and a few patients have actually committed suicide. These problems tend to occur more often in patients with a history of mental illness. You should contact your doctor immediately if you think you are having these symptoms, so your doctor can decide whether you should continue to take SUSTIVA.

Many patients have dizziness, trouble sleeping, drowsiness, trouble concentrating, and/or unusual dreams a few hours after starting treatment with SUSTIVA. These feelings may be less

noticeable if you take SUSTIVA at bedtime. They also tend to go away after you've taken the medicine for a few weeks. If you have these side effects, such as dizziness, it does not mean that you will also have severe depression, strange thoughts or angry behavior. Tell your doctor promptly if any of these side effects continue or if they bother you. There is the possibility that these symptoms may be more severe if SUSTIVA is used with alcohol or mood altering (street) drugs. You should avoid driving or operating machinery if you are having these side effects.

One of the most common side effects is rash. These rashes usually go away without any change in treatment. In a small number of patients, rash may be serious. If you develop a rash, call your doctor promptly.

Other common side effects include tiredness, upset stomach, vomiting, and diarrhea. However, this is not a complete list of side effects reported with SUSTIVA when taken with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss a more complete list of side effects with you.

Please contact your doctor immediately before stopping SUSTIVA because of side effects. Tell your doctor or other healthcare provider if you notice any side effects while taking SUSTIVA.

What about birth control, pregnancy, or breast-feeding?

Women should not become pregnant while taking SUSTIVA. Birth defects have been seen in animals treated with SUSTIVA. It is not known whether this could happen in humans. You should use a condom or diaphragm in addition to other methods of birth control while taking SUSTIVA. Inform your doctor immediately if you are pregnant. If you want to become pregnant, talk to your doctor. Do not take SUSTIVA if you are breast-feeding. Talk to your doctor if you are breast-feeding your baby.

Can I take other medicines with SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA may change the effect of other medicines (including ones for HIV). Your doctor may change your medicines or change their doses. For this reason, it is very important to:

- Let all your doctors and pharmacists know that you take SUSTIVA.
- Tell your doctors and pharmacists about all medicines you take. This includes those you buy over-the-counter and herbal or natural remedies.

Bring all your medicines when you see a doctor, or make a list of their names, how much you take, and how often you take them. This will give your doctor a complete picture of the medicines you use. Then he or she can decide the best approach for your situation.

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Previews and Opening Nights

**** **July 28: Sir** by Scott Heckman, directed by Susan Nussbaum, who as author, director, and performer has worked at all of Chicago's major theaters, and who makes her Bailiwick directing debut with *SIR*. Tells a personal tale exploring his life in leather, and the surprising journeys thru organized religion that led him to explore our local landmarks of sexual satisfaction. World Premiere, thru Sept 3. Previews thru opening July 30. Part of PRIDE 2000. Bailiwick Arts Ctr 1229 W Belmont 773 883-1090

**** **Aug 3: Patience and Sarah** based on the classic lesbian novel by Isabel Miller, inspired by the true story of two early 19th century pioneer women who settled together in New York State. They were known as the former maid and the artists maid (the American primitive painter Mary Ann Willson) and their story remains a heartfelt and beautiful tribute to love achieved against all odds. The authors believe this is the first time that the love between two women is the main subject to an opera. A haunting three-act opera set in 19th-century America; a love story between two strong women who overcome society and nature. Previews till opening Aug 5, runs thru Sept 3, Part of PRIDE 2000. Bailiwick Arts Ctr 1229 W Belmont 773 883-1090

In Performance

**** **All That He Was** Whirlwind ride through the life of a young man who has just died of AIDS and the father who refused to understand him, the mother who tried to fix him, the ex-girlfriend who never stopped loving him, and the lover who continued to embrace him. Thru Aug 6 Athenaeum Thtr, 2936 N Southport 773 935-6860

**** **Brave Smiles** by 5 Lesbian Brothers. Spoof of Lesbian literature, from an all girls school in the Alps. Thru July 30. Chicago Main Bailiwick Art Ctr 1229 W Belmont 773 883-1090

**** **Forty-Deuce** A powerful and painful look at the nightmare world of male prostitution Trap Door Thtr thru Aug 12. 773 384-0494

**** **The Jackie Wilson Story (My heart is Crying, Crying...)** Open run, running in repertory with *Moms (The Story of Moms Mabley)*, running thru Aug 19. Black Ensemble Thtr 4520 N Beacon 773 769-4451

**** **Late Nite Catechism** A Chicago original and international hit, Royal George 1641 N Halsted 312 902-1500

**** **Low Sodium** stand up comedians and variety, open run, Fridays and Saturdays. Stage Left Thtr 3408 N Sheffield 773 549-3250

**** **The Trick** by Perry Layton Ojeda. One-man show about an actor searching for action in all the wrong places. Why are we drawn to those unavailable to us? Thru Aug 20 Bailiwick Arts Ctr 1229 W Belmont 773 883-1090

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July 31: 58 Group 2nd Annual Open Rehearsal Series a unique glimpse of working rehearsals followed by refreshments and conversation with company members. The Three Arts Club 1300 N Dearborn 773 388-0558

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**** **Aug 26: Dance for Life 2000** with Big City Swing, Deeply Rooted Dance Theatre Ensemble, Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago, Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago and River North Chicago Dance Co and a world preview finale by Randy Duncan with costume design by Greg Slawko. Benefits Howard Brown Health Center, AIDS Alternative Health Project and the Dance for Life Fund. Skyline Stage Navy Pier 773 388-8997

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**** **Aldo Castillo Gallery Ethereal** *Sights*, an exhibit that celebrates the work of Luis Fernando Uribe of Antioquia, Colombia, thru Sep 2. 233 W Huron 312 337-2536

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**** **BBB The DuSable Museum of**

African American History *Harold Washington In Office*, permanent exhibition, w/ composite office setting; memorabilia; personal, career effects. 740 E 56th Place 57th, Cottage Grove, Washington Park. Call about *Dusable After Dark*, monthly networking affair with cultural appeal. Sundays are free. 773 947-0600

**** **Hyde Park Art Ctr Secret Selves**, a temporary installation by Leah Oates. Investigates the construction of self and projections/limitations placed upon individuals and objects by the media and other individuals, questions why we are rarely confronted with gender ambiguity or with people with whom we can really identify. Thru Aug 26. Also, *Homegrown*, annual exhibition of student and faculty artwork thru Aug 19 5307 S Hyde Park Blvd 773 324-5520

**** **Lipstick Photography** a photo company specializing in digital photography and effects, showcasing the work of Iggy Munoz, south side resident and graphic designer who began by shooting the Miss Continental Pageant and realized the interest in photos of female impersonators. Poster-size prints available for purchase. 773 376-9511

**** **Mexican Fine Arts Ctr Museum Pimlona**, the celebrated Mexico city Theatre Company, famous for specializing in mime, performs two special theatre performances for children Oct 27 and 38.; and *Las Horas de Belen: a Book of Hours*, a multi-media theatre piece performed by Mexico's renowned performance artist Jesuosa Rodriguez. Explores the lives of the women locked ways in the Recogimiento de Belen, a sanctuary created by the Catholic church in Mexico city in 1683 to give refuge to single women without means of support. It was run in a very prison life manner, once a woman entered, she could never leave. The harsh, regimented lifestyle caused some women to go insane or commit suicide. In 1860, Belen was taken over the Mexican government and turned into a real prison. The play attempts to capture the voices of some of the women locked in Belen, but the situation the women find themselves in are specific not only to Mexico. Nov 15 the 19. Both events are part of the 2000 sor Juana Festival, honoring one of Mexico's greatest writers, Jor Juana Ines de la Cruz (1651-1695), continuing the tradition of celebrating and showcasing the artistic and social accomplishments of Mexican women from Mexico and the United States, the 200 Sor Juana Festival events range from the traditional to the avant-garde, 1852 W 19th St 312 738-1503

**** **The NAMES Project The Faces of AIDS** Sponsored by the The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Chicago Chapter, and the Chicago Dept. of Public Health. First public unveiling. Thirty images of people living with HIV and AIDS from Chicago and throughout the heartland states. NAMES Project, 3732 N Broadway thru August. 773 472-1600.

Woman Made Gallery Her Mark, group exhibition, and *Girls Do It* solo exhibition featuring Mary King thru July 28. Drawings and prints by thirty-three artists from all corners of the US including from Canada will be shown in *Her Mark*, a group exhibition juried by artist Mary King. Ms. King selected work "that was created with passion or delicacy—work that came from the heart and engages the eye." 312 328-0038, 1900 S. Prairie.

www.outlineschicago.com for detailed arts and theatre lists.

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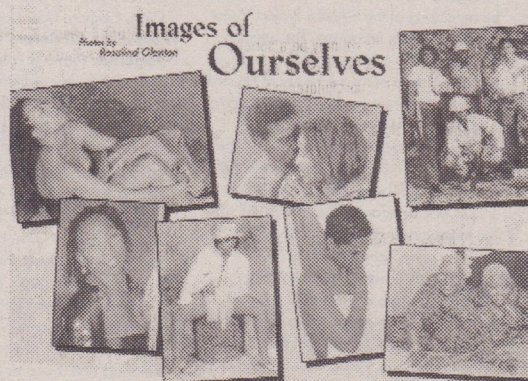
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CALENDAR

Wed., July 26

Rainbow PUSH Rev. Jesse Jackson to hold Town Hall Meeting on HIV/AIDS in African-American community, 7 p.m., Hyatt Regency, 151 E. Wacker. "Ending the Silence—Ending the Epidemic," broadcast live on the Black Entertainment Network. Sub-Saharan African will also be discussed. Speakers include; Dr. Louis Sullivan; Dr. Helene Gayle; Sandra Thurman; Anita Estell; Debra Fraser-Howe; Sidney Thomas; Rae Lewis-Thornton; Dr. Lisa Henry-Reid; Dr. Cassandra Newkirk; and Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Cheryl Martin anchors.

Thursday, July 27

Adodi Adodi, an organization of gay/same-gender-loving and bisexual men of African descent, based on the East Coast, has been hosting weekend long retreats since 1986. Chicago's Adodi chapter is hosting this year's event, "New beginnings, Nurturing the Ado," July 27-30, at the University Plaza Conference Center in DeKalb, one hour west of Chicago. (312) 458-9584, adodichicago@yahoo.com

Women & Children First Books 5233 N. Clark, (773) 769-9299, 7:30 p.m., Poetry Reading: Kristine Chalifoux, Martha Modena Vertrace, Yvonne Zipser.

Friday, July 28

Harambe Jahad 2nd and 4th Friday, 7 p.m., 1145 Westgate #106, Oak Park, (708) 492-2055. Discussion group for gay and bi African American men.

Saturday, July 29

FUEL queer youth nightclub at All Saints church on Hermitage.

Star Gaze Celebrate Renae Ogletree's 50th Birthday in style, 5419 N. Clark, (773) 561-7363.

Steamworks Gym/Sauna HIV & STD Testing, 3246 N. Halsted, (773) 929-6081, TheSteamworks.net

Sunday, July 30

East of the Ryan Every Sunday, host Indigo Blue, 10:30 p.m., Amailia Black, Tajhee Iman, Tiara Russell, 914 E. 79th. DJ Craig Cannon, Door Host Ken. B.

Women & Children First Books 5233 N. Clark, (773) 769-9299, 5 p.m., Barbara Neely: *Blanche Passes Go*. Award-winning mystery writer Neely has created a protagonist like no other in her "maid-cum-sleuth," Blanche White. Blanche is a smart, independent, working-class Black woman who makes no apologies for her profession or her beliefs. [Changed from July 23.]

Tuesday, Aug. 1

National Night Out Against Crime Walk Clarendon Park, 4501 N. Clarendon along the lake. (312) 744-0064, Community Policing Office. Sponsored by 23rd Police District, 7 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 2

Hot House Going Away Party and Tribute to Quarash Ali and Emily Hooper Lansana, 8 p.m. The two are moving after years of

helping develop Chicago's cultural scene. Co-hosted by Guild Complex, 31 E. Balbo, (312) 362-9707.

Thursday, Aug. 3

African American Women on Tour

Travelling conference, featuring Debbie Allen on tour, info, workshops, and more. Also Marcia Ann Gillespie of *MS. MAGAZINE* is Friday keynote speaker. 1-800-506-2298, www.aawot.com. Hilton & Towers downtown, 720 S. Michigan.

Brothers United in Support of Test Positive Aware Network Safer sex discussion, 1258 W. Belmont, (773) 404-8726, tpanmocha@aol.com

Hot House Laurie Lee Moses with Ari Brown, jazz, 8 p.m., 31 E. Balbo, (312) 362-9707.

Witness our Welcome 2000: God's Promise Is for You (WOW2000) Largest ecumenical gathering of welcoming churches and individuals ever held, Aug. 3-6 in DeKalb, Ill., at Northern Illinois University. "Proclaiming GLBT people are made in God's image, and are part of the goodness of God's diverse Creation." Speakers include; lesbian activist Urvasi Vaid, lesbian Presbyterian minister Rev. Janie Spahr, defrocked Methodist minister Rev. Jimmy Creech, Rev. John Selders, and many more from a wide variety of churches. www.wow2K.org, (800) 318-5581.

Friday Aug. 4

Church of the Open Door and Chicago Anti-Bashing Network

Speakout to protest murder of Arthur Warren, 7:30 p.m., 5954 S. Albany [see story this issue].

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Chicago Chapter and the Chicago Dept. of Public Health

(CDPH) announce the first public unveiling of "The Faces of AIDS". During the month of August, thirty images of people living with HIV and AIDS from Chicago and throughout the states of the Heartland will be on display at the NAMES Project Visitor Center, 3732 N. Broadway. The opening reception of "The Faces of AIDS" photo exhibit will take place the Friday of Halsted Street Market Days weekend, Aug. 4, from 6 to 8 pm, at NAMES Project, 3732 N. Broadway. Complimentary copies of "The Faces of AIDS - Personal Stories from the Heartland" will be available, as will light snacks and beverages. The exhibit will run the entire month of August. Call (773) 472-1600, or e-mail chgoquilt@aol.com.

Outlines Newspaper Benefit performance of the opera *Patience & Sarah* at Bailiwick Theatre, part of Pride Series. This show benefits an Outlines' delivery driver living with cancer. Reception with food 6:30 p.m., show 7:30 p.m., cost \$35. Call (773) 871-7610.

Star Gaze Salsa and soul singer Suzette, 5419 N. Clark, (773) 561-7363.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Adodi Chicago meeting 1st Sat., 2 p.m., (312) 458-9584, 1346 S. Michigan, MOIP.

Amigas Latinas 5th anniversary party, Condo Club, 1931 N. Milwaukee, doors

open 8 p.m., program 10 p.m., raffle prizes, \$5 donation.

Englewood, Gage Park: New City Family Fest 1301 W. 52nd, Sherman Park, (773) 918-1670.

Human Rights Campaign Illinois Dinner 2000, "Bridges," www.HRCIllinois.org or 1-800-494-TIXS. (312) 409-9129. Hyatt Regency, 6 p.m.

Jazz Fest 2000 South Shore Cultural Center, Aug. 5-6, (773) 734-2000.

Northalsted Area Merchants

Association Annual Northalsted Market Days, Aug. 5-6, along Halsted from Belmont (3200 north) to Addison (3600 north), 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Hundreds of vendors, performers, and more. (773) 883-0500. 3 stages, 3 times the vendors of Taste of Chicago (360), 40 bands, 250,000 people. Confirmed on Lesbigen Radio stage: Joi Cardwell from NYC (and recent GLAMA winner); comic Margaret Cho; SONiA of disappear Fear; Valerie James and Dancers; Halcyon from Florida; Suzette, a Latina club music performer from NYC; Universal bisexual singer Sheila Nichols; Chicago grrrl bands Stewed Tomatoes and Evil Beaver; comic Jessica Halem; Chicago Gay Men's Chorus; The Girls of Spin drag show; and Suzanne Palmer of Twisted Records.

Stonewall Democrats "Get The Gay Vote Out," volunteers conducting voter registration throughout the summer, and during the pride parade, and more. SWDemsChi@aol.com, (312) 683-5232.

Sunday, Aug. 6

Buddies' All Sports Team Roundup with free weenies. Come before or after your game, Sam Adams beers only \$2, free weenies, 3301 N. Clark, (773) 477-4066.

Chicago Pride Invitational Bowling Tournament and Scratch Masters tourney and awards dinner, which benefits Open Hand/Groceryland, Bonaventure House, Project Vida, Direct Aid, Test Positive Aware and the Lesbian Community Cancer Project. (773) 549-1490, (773) 275-2330.

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Women of All Colors and Cultures Together Picnic at Promontory Point, Lake Shore Drive, exit at 57th St., go to 55th Street., (312) 932-9423

Tuesday, Aug. 8

25th Annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival Aug. 8-13, 40 performances, film festival, 650 wooded acres. On deck: Indigo Girls, Holly Near, Toshi Reagon & Big Lovely, Ferron, Teresa Trull & Barbara Higbie, Mary Watkins and Kay Gardner, Suzanne Westenhoefer, Edwina Lee Tyler and Rhiannon. Also: Tribe 8, Butchies, Straight Ahead, Bitch and Animal, Kindness and the salsa band Once. Holly Hughes does performance, Marga Gomez is in "jaywalker," Sister Spit performs, along with Dance Brigade and more. Solo sets include Melissa Ferrick, Catie Curtis, Doria Roberts and Kinnie Starr. (231) 757-4766, (510) 652-5441, www.michfest.com

Thursday, Aug. 10

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Brothers United in Support of Test Positive Aware Network Update:

World AIDS Conference 2000 from Durban, So. Africa, discussion, 1258 W. Belmont, (773) 404-8726, tpanmocha@aol.com

Friday, Aug. 11

Harambe Jahad 2nd and 4th Friday, 7 p.m., 1145 Westgate #106, Oak Park, (708) 492-2055. Discussion group for gay and bi African American men.

Talents Cruise 2000, Under the Stars, benefiting Open Door Center for Community Change, 8:30, the Musette 1, DJ, dancing, exotic waiters, (708) 524-1878. Black gay men's social organization.

Sat., Aug. 12

Hot House Marvin Tate's D-Settlement and The Apartment, funk, 10 p.m., 31 E. Balbo, (312) 362-9707.

Sunday, Aug. 13

Step Out to Stop Abuse: 9th Annual 5K Walk Grant Park, starts 10 a.m., entertainment and food. Benefits Chicago Abused Women's Coalition, Friends of Battered Women, Rainbow House, SHALVA, Apna Ghar, Constance Morris House, Korean American Women in Need, Sarah's In., Heartland Alliance Women's Program. (773) 868-3010, www.chicagoevents.com.

Thursday, Aug. 17

Chicago Women in Trades Fall Orientation/Career Fair, Westside Technical Institute, 2800 S. Western, 6 p.m., light refreshments.

Brothers United in Support of Test Positive Aware Network A Conversation: HIV and the Black Church, discussion, 1258 W. Belmont, (773) 404-8726, tpanmocha@aol.com

Friday, Aug. 18

Borders Books Doria Roberts sings, Clark and Diversey, 8 p.m.

Chicago 2006 Benefit screening of the award-winning lesbian film *Aimee & Jaguar*, about love during Nazi Germany, 7:30 p.m. \$15 includes four chances to win a mountain bike from OutSpoke'n Bikes and other sports merchandise. At Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport, tickets from www.chicago2006.org, or call (847) 256-8446.

Sat., Aug. 19

Auditorium Theatre k.d. lang in concert, 8 p.m., (312) 559-1212.

Chicago House MAC Viva Glam Floating World Tour 2000, 7 p.m., Four Seasons Hotel, 120 E. Delaware Pl. "Destinations" feature lavish buffets, dancing to the Bradley Young Orchestra, silent-auction prizes and entertainment by pop diva **Martha Wash**. 400+ people, black-tie, offering "glitzy glamour" of Studio 54, shimmering delights of ice palaces in Antarctica, intoxicating mysteries of markets and jungles in Africa, and bawdy charms of Moulin Rouge in Paris." Chicago debut of MAC Viva Glam Floating World Tour, some 25 dresses by world-famous designers, including Oscar de la Renta, Caroline Herrera, Richard Tyler and Lida

Baday, in the passionate-purple hue of MAC Viva Glam III lipstick. The designs then off to NY, London and Paris. Catherine Ladany receives Founders Award. American Airlines and Chicago Tribune Holiday Fund also honored. Tix \$275, (773) 248-5200, ext. 307.

Gerber/Hart Library live date auction at Star Gaze, 5419 N. Clark St., 773-381-8030

Lesbigay Radio Jennifer Holliday at Black Orchid Lounge, \$65, (312) 944-6200.

Sunday, Aug. 20

Association of Latin Men in Action Noche de Gala benefit, National 27, 325 W. Huron, 6:30 cocktails, 7:30 p.m. dinner. Special 10th Anniversary celebration, (773) 918-5067/929-7688.

Pathfinders Prevention Education Fund & The Sunday Forum Committee/Interweave of Third Unitarian Church of Chgo.

Special guest speaker Lorraine Sade Baskerville, founder and e.d. of TransGenesis, 301 N. Mayfield, 5900 West and one block south of Lake Street Green Line, 10 a.m., free, refreshments, prizes, (773) 533-5754/5755.

Women & Children First Books 5233 N. Clark, (773) 769-9299, 5 p.m., Nelvia Brady: *This Mother's Daughter*, not just another sentimental book praising the mother-daughter bond. Brady initially envisioned the book as a collection of motherly wisdom, but she soon discovered, through her research, how complex and at times difficult mother/daughter relationships are. Covering issues such as maternal bonding, adoption, interracial relationships, lesbianism, domestic violence, elder-care and death, *This Mother's Daughter* is a well-rounded collection of stories at times heartwarming and sometimes very angry.

Wed., Aug. 23

Horizons The of Addiction/Coming Out/Recovery Plays Within the Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Community, presented with Pride Institute, with Beth Daly, CADC, Lolita Lindo, CADC; 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 961 W. Montana, (773) 472-6469 x 237.

Hot House South Africa-Chicago Collaborative, featuring Andile Yenana, Lulama Vuyani Gontsana, Dezile "Feya" Faku, Mollatsi Herbert Tsoaeli, Zim Ngqawana and Celso Antonio Peco, Aug. 23-24, 31 E. Balbo, (312) 362-9707.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Brothers United in Support of Test Positive Aware Network Check-in session, 1258 W. Belmont, (773) 404-8726, lpanmocha@aol.com
Girlbar Rosalind Glanton presents a release party for her new cal-

endar, "Images of Ourselves," with Black-and-white photos of Black lesbians (many models will be present to autograph calendars), 7:30 p.m., 2625 N. Halsted, (773) 846-7027. Co-sponsored by Affinity, Executive Sweet, Amigas Latinas. Calendar goes from Sept. 2000 to December 2001.

Hot House The Chicago-South African Initiative, a Festival of Contemporary Jazz from Southern African, Aug. 24-26, 31 E. Balbo, (312) 362-9707. Winston Mankunku Ngozi and The New Horizons Ensemble, Herbie Tsoaeli, Andile Yenana, Lulu Gontsana, and more. Also, Punta Rock Explosion Aug. 27, music and dance of the Garifuna people of Central American, blend of West African and Carib/Arawak. Paula Castilla—the Guatemalan Queen of Punto Rock, Omar Suazo and Omar "Babkie" Suazo.

Friday, Aug. 25

Harambe Jihad 2nd and 4th Friday, 7 p.m., 1145 Westgate #106, Oak Park, (708) 492-2055. Discussion group for gay and bi African American men.

Sat., Aug. 26

Howard Brown Health Center Dance for Life (773) 388-8993. Includes a world premiere finale by gay choreographer Randy Duncan.

Sunday, Aug. 27

Little Black Pearl Workshop Pearlifest 12-9 p.m., Drexel Blvd between 42nd Pl. and 42nd Pl., (773) 285-1211.

Red, Black and Green Heritage Sunday 2-6 p.m., Aug. 27-28, 5531 S. Martin L. King Dr., (773) RESPECT.

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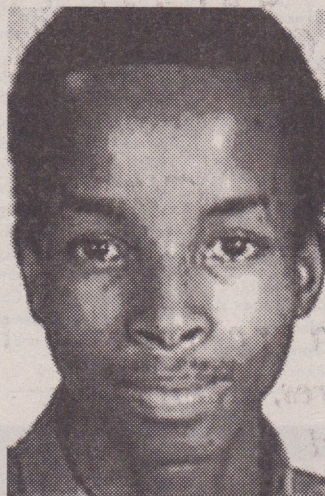
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African-American gay man murdered in West Virginia

The Human Rights Campaign and local and regional gay groups are praising federal law enforcement agencies for announcing they will open a preliminary investigation into the slaying of Arthur Warren Jr. in what is widely considered a possible hate crime based on race and sexual orientation.

"We are extremely pleased that this case has been given the attention it deserves by federal law enforcement officials and we are more confident than ever that justice will prevail," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg. "It is crucial that Congress pass hate-crime legislation so all cases can be investigated and prosecuted fairly. The Warren case is a perfect example of why it is sometimes necessary to go to



the top, to get to the bottom of a crime."

The Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Attorney and the FBI announced the joint preliminary investigation after

Above is Arthur "J.R." Warren, 26. BELOW are his parents, Arthur Sr. and Brenda, pictured being interviewed on CNN.



Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder met with members of Warren's family and civil-rights leaders July 20. The meeting was attended by Arthur Warren Sr., the victim's father; Brenda Warren, his mother; Wade Henderson, executive director, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; Hilary Shelton, Washington bureau director, NAACP; and representatives from the Human Rights Campaign.

A candlelight vigil is to be held in Washington July 20 in remembrance of Warren and to urge Congress to pass the Hate Crime Prevention Act (HCPA) which passed the Senate in June and is now before the House.

The HCPA would extend current federal hate crime protection—which covers race, religion, color and national origin—to gender, sexual orientation and disability. HCPA would serve as a tool to help law enforcement by allowing federal assistance, when necessary, in the investigation and prosecutions of hate crimes, HRC said.

HCPA has broad support from notable law enforcement agencies and state and local leaders including 22 state attorneys general, the Police

Foundation and the National Sheriff's Association.

Warren, whose body was found July 4, had left his parents' house and walked across town on July 3 to a vacant house where two 17-year-old boys—David Allen Parker and Jared Wilson, allegedly beat and kicked him to death, according to local law enforcement officials.

After putting Warren's body into the trunk of a car, the two teens drove a mile east of Grant Town, laid his body on the ground and then drove over it several times in an attempt to stage a hit-and-run accident.

The alleged perpetrators later burned their bloody clothes, the officials said. A 15-year-old boy, who witnessed the murder, confessed to his mother and to the police that he had seen the killing and helped the other boys clean up the murder scene, the officials said.

But while evidence squarely points to a hate crime, Marion County (W.Va.) Sheriff Ron Watkins and Prosecutor G. Richard Bunner have persistently said they believe hate was not a factor. The alleged perpetrators have been charged with first-degree murder, according to Chip Phillips, a detective with the sheriff's department and they appeared in a Marion County courtroom July 19 for their preliminary hearing, after which Circuit Judge Rodney Merrifield ruled there was probable cause to pursue the charges against them. Bunner has not yet filed a petition to have the boys tried as adults.

"If tried as juveniles by local authorities in West Virginia, the perpetrators of this crime could walk out of prison in three years," said HRC Communications Director David M. Smith. "This would clearly be a travesty of justice and we believe the involvement of federal authorities will limit the chances the unthinkable would happen."

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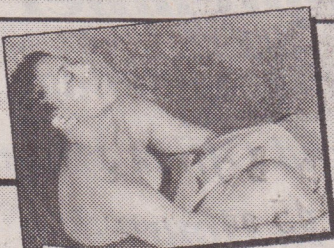
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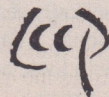
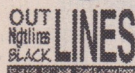
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\$4.95 mil for Logan's family

Police admit no wrongdoing in death which may have been tied to race, gender ID

by Tracy Baim

There was nothing simple about the life or death of Logan Smith. This Hoffman Estates youth was left untreated by police and healthcare professionals perplexed at his unique medical condition, and as a result Logan's family members lost a cherished part of their lives.

Last month, Logan Smith's family won a \$4.95 million settlement from the Village of Hoffman Estates (which will pay the bulk of the fees, \$4 million), members of the village's police force, Columbia Hoffman Estates Medical Center, and others. In settling, the village is admitting to no wrongdoing.

The case also highlighted potential racial profiling in the Northwest Suburb of Chicago.

Logan Smith's life and brutal 1996 death were chronicled in depth in the February 1997 OUTLINES.

Born a genetic male with under-developed genitalia, Logan was raised as a female. But at age 15 and after surgical alterations, Logan decided he wanted to be treated as a man. His medical condition was such that Hoffman Estates Village Attorney Richard Williams initially, and erroneously, reported that "Smith died not from trauma, but from complications arising from a sex-change operation."

Young and Black, Logan lived with his mother, Bettjean, and brother Brian within an encircling suburban community older and whiter. Hoffman Estates, located 29 miles northwest of Chicago's Loop and just off the Northwest Tollway, is one of the more prosperous area sub-

urbs. The village's Black population is less than four percent, with a lengthy history of documented discrimination. One of two Black officers in the 90-member village police force testified that she often heard racial slurs and jokes among her fellow officers. And perhaps this racial bias translated into the traffic stop in January 1996 which resulted in Smith's death.

Logan and his brother Brian were stopped by police around 7 a.m. on Jan. 22, 1996. Officer Gregory Polous, according to the lawsuit, approached their vehicle, which was parked in front of their own home, and alleged that the driver, Brian, committed two offenses: failure to signal a right turn while turning from a secluded residential street into a dead end, and failure to display a license plate, in lieu of a temporary license plate clearly displayed in compliance with Illinois law.

With Logan, age 24, already in the townhome, officer Polous reportedly maced Brian as he removed groceries from the back seat. Logan returned to assist his now-blinded brother, taking him inside to wash his eyes with water. The complaint states that Polous, still having yet to issue any traffic citations, followed the two into the Smith residence without justification or permission, and without having obtained a search warrant. Logan, reminding Polous of the unconstitutionality of this act, was placed under arrest for interfering with an officer's exercise of duties.

Two more officers also then entered the home, without a warrant. The lawsuit alleged

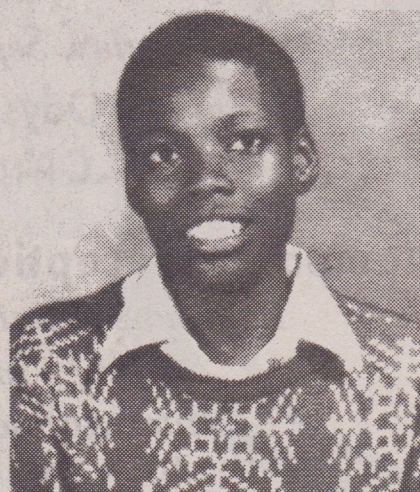
that the officers seized Logan with "great and unreasonable force," kicking him in his abdomen and spraying him with pepper gas. Bettjean said her son did not understand the charges, and had offered no resistance.

Immediately, Logan began to complain about severe pain he

receptacle, spilling urine directly into Logan's abdominal cavity, precipitating the septic infection that culminated in his death.

Around 10 a.m., despite more complaints of pain from Logan, he was taken for processing and incarceration to the Hoffman Estates Police Station lockup.

Logan remained in his cell despite obvious physical deterioration. Bettjean arrived at 1 p.m. to post bond, and when she saw her son she insisted on having an ambulance pick him up. Back at the hospital, Logan repeatedly informed the medical staff that he was kicked in the abdomen by his arresting officers. Logan remained in critical condition



Logan Smith at age 17, in 1989.

was experiencing in his abdomen, repeatedly requesting medical assistance. Finally transported by ambulance to the Hoffman Estates Medical Center, Logan was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection and released without the peculiarities of Logan's medical status, or the circumstances of his arrest, being communicated to the presiding medical technicians.

As attorney Monica McFadden, who would eventually be victorious for the Smith family, told OUTLINES in 1997, emergency room professionals chose to ignore that Smith was a lifelong sufferer of a congenital anatomical anomaly: Born with an external bladder and vestigial genitalia, subjected throughout his childhood and young adult life to a series of corrective surgical procedures, Logan had what professionals call a "cecal reservoir," an alternative bladder made from a lower portion of his intestinal tract. The lawsuit alleged that the conflagration with police ruptured this

until his death around 11 p.m.

McFadden said police early on pushed the rumor that Logan's death was a result of complications from a sex-change operation. Perhaps the village thought less sympathy would be generated for a transgendered person, playing to homophobic fears of the community.

Born a genetic male though with under-developed and subsequently surgically altered genitalia, Logan was compelled to urinate using a catheter. Prompted by his admittedly unique anatomy and the need for privacy, doctors and psychologists suggested that the Smiths raise him as a girl. As Logan matured and medical technologies advanced, plastic surgeons were gradually able to reconstruct his genitalia, hoping to eventually make them not only aesthetically realistic, but functional. At age 15, Logan chose to look, act and be treated as a man.

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AIDS Confab in Africa

by Bob Roehr

DURBAN, South Africa: Nelson Mandela, the former president of South Africa, electrified the closing session of the XIII International Conference on AIDS with his mere presence. He entered to a sustained standing ovation, complete with cries in Zulu and other dialects of the region, and chants from the struggle to end apartheid.

He looked frail but his ringing voice belied his 82 years and offered a capstone of hope that the attendees had been seeking. "If 27 years in prison have done anything to us, it was to use the silence of solitude to make us understand how precious words are and how real speech is in its impact upon the way people live or die," said Mandela on the Conference theme of "Break the Silence."

He did not directly mention the controversy surrounding President Thabo Mbeki's embrace of AIDS denialists or the substance of those issues, that had dominated discussion and news coverage of the Conference. Mandela called them a distraction "from the real life and death issues." He praised Mbeki several times during the course of his speech.

Mandela called upon the tradition of collective leadership in Africa. "In the face of the grave threat posed by HIV/AIDS, we have to rise above our differences and combine our efforts to save our people. History will judge us harshly if we fail to do so now, and right now."

Mandela outlined the need for programs that work to "banish stigma and discrimination," prevent new infections, offer treatment, and support the survivors. He specifically supported "measures to reduce mother-to-child transmission," an action resisted by the South African government.

"Others will not save us if we do not primarily commit our-



Cornelius Baker. Photo by Bob Roehr

selves," said Mandela, but that did not negate the need for support and alliances both within societies and from without. H

"You cannot imagine how your speech is music to our ears," said Conference chair "Jerry" Coodavia. "It has answered so many unspoken and spoken questions on our lips. It has filled the torment in our hearts." He pledged, on behalf of scientists, that they would do their part.

ASSESSMENT

"I've been coming to this meeting since 1988 and this is by far the best International AIDS Conference that I've ever been to," said David Barr, an AIDS advocate from New York. "It is the first time that a whole new set of issues have been raised concerning how health care is provided." That includes the roles of industry, government, and "what things cost."

Pulitzer Prize-winning AIDS journalist Laurie Garrett called the Conference "a huge turning point" in dealing with "access to care, inequity in North-South relations, the agenda of how can HAART get to everybody."

"There is clear evidence of a major political shift," said Bill Arnold, with the ADAP Working Group in Washington, D.C. "Clearly industry has gone through a whole bunch of behind closed doors type decisions" about how they are going to meet the call for access to therapy for the poorer nations.

"It was tremendously important to come here and see the face of AIDS as it affects most of

the world," said David Scondras, a Boston activist who also was appointed by President Mbeki and serves on the South African AIDS Commission.

"When we chose South Africa, many, many expressed their concerns, particularly those who are not with us today," said Stefano Vella, incoming president of the International AIDS Society which organized the Conference. "But this conference proved that they were wrong."

AMONG THE MISSING

New York activist Mark Harrington singled out some of the missing for special criticism. "There is a real 'Mafia' that controls not only the ACTG [US AIDS Clinical Trials Group] but they control the retrovirus conference [which meets in January in the U.S.]. And guess what, they're not here," he said. He works with the Treatment Action Group and is recipient of a five-year MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant for his work in AIDS advocacy.

"Chip Schooley didn't come and neither did Connie Benson, or Doug Richmond," said Harrington, naming three of the leading researcher/administrators. "I think that is a little bit of a 'fuck you' to the rest of the world, particularly to the developing world," he continued. "They have the largest clinical trials infrastructure in the world and they didn't even bother coming to see. I think that is a little rude."

Cornelius Baker took a different tact, "The reality is that there is no one not here that we

couldn't live without. The people who are here are the people who are very much committed to the future of this epidemic, which means really ending it in every corner of the world."

"If 90 percent of the people have either no access to the drugs or the drugs are not useful to them in their part of the world, then we are producing useless science," Baker continued. The former executive director of NAPWA and current head of the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, one of the largest AIDS services organizations in the U.S., said, "The world that mattered was here."

The IAS also announced that they would begin sponsoring a Conference on HIV Pathogenesis and Treatment to be held on alternate years. Unlike the Durban Conference, which included social sciences and community leaders, it will focus only on science. The first will be next July in Buenos Aires.

New Treatment Guidelines for Poor Nations

New treatment guidelines were unveiled by the World Health Organization (WHO) which include a section for "resource limited settings."

"There is only one standard of treatment, which is the use of a combination of drugs aimed at maximum suppression of viral replication," read the document.

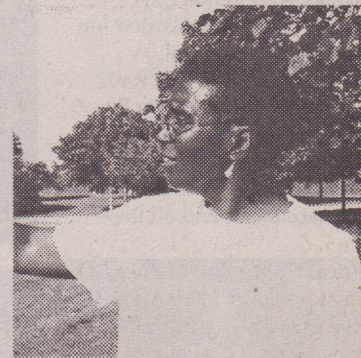
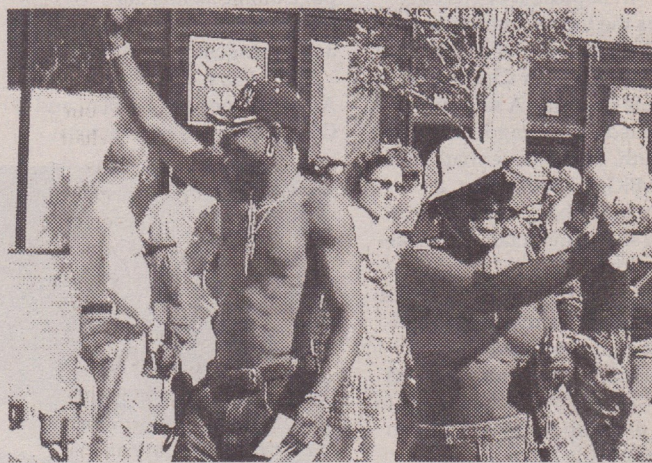
But that seemed to be undercut by an ensuing statement that a dual nucleoside regimen "may be suitable for use in resource limited settings," even though "they cannot achieve or sustain suppression of HIV replication to the same extent as the three-drug regimen."

So what you are saying, asked one reporter, is that "there is one standard of care, unless you can't meet that standard."

The organization representatives squirmed in silence for a few seconds before the WHO's Eric Van Praag responded, "We want to make sure that the reality is the best possible clinical outcome."

Pride 2000

Top pics are all from this year's Pride Parade, the 31st annual, held the last Sunday of June. Pics by Israel Wright and Tracy Baim. BELOW: The Affinity annual picnic, held in July. Photos by Sherri Jackson



Chicago Black Pride Explodes in the 'Hood

by Lester Davis

If you missed the 2nd annual Chicago Black Pride 2000 festivities, hosted at The Hilton Garden Inn —(State St. & Grand Ave.), June 29 thru July 2, 2000, you missed a weekend of empowerment, fun entertainment, parties and networking with our brothas and sistas.

"An Explosion of Heritage" was the theme, but the new millennium sparked many special interests for Chicago Black Pride this year. A safe space created for Chicago's LesBiGay youth, the first-ever nationwide LesBiGay Poetry Slam, a dynamic pool party and fashion show, and a fabulous lakefront festival.

Hats off to the CBP2K executive board members and various committees that helped pull off a spectacular weekend in Chicago. A special thanks to all of the sponsors of Chicago Black Pride 2000: United Airlines; Avis Rental Car Service; The Hilton Garden Inn and The Hampton Inn; International Male; The Rails Entertainment Group; Fu Fu Entertainment; Jerry Boles Photography; Chicago Friends; Abbott, Agouron and Merck, Pharmaceuticals and all the

local agencies that participated, because your contributions to CBP2K helped make it a huge success.

This special event was listed with Chicago Mayor Daley's Office of Special Events and will be listed as a special summer event every year. This is a page out of history for Chicago's Black Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender community.

For the first time ever, African American Lesbian and Gay poets came from across

America, sharing their poetry June 29. Two winners were awarded trophies and recited their award-winning poems at the CBP2K lakefront festival. Thanks to Byron Stewart for organizing the slam, which was groundbreaking for us. Special thanks to Kathy Hardy and the entire Culture Committee of CBP2K for creating this fantastic ideal and including it into the weekend celebration.

The youth were a hot venue that CBP added to this year's

event. Thanks to Lorraine Sade Baskerville for helping create a safe environment at the Hampton Inn for Chicago Lesbian and Gay youth from Horizons Community Services. On June 30, Friday at 7 p.m., Jack Cummins and Cherrese Davis from Horizon stepped to the microphone, cutting up on the other kids who participated in a youth talent show—which was very entertaining. There were other events scheduled throughout the weekend to embrace our youth at this year's celebration.

A shout out to Michia Kimbrough and Charles Nelson for working hard on the Seminars and Workshops that were held July 1, at the Hilton Garden Inn. The seminars and workshops got rave evaluations and reviews for empowering the community on key issues that we neglect to discuss. 'Relationships, Sex, Women,' 'Onyx Leather Forum 101,' 'Touch, Taste, Eat: Exploring Sex In the Age of AIDS,' 'EYE-S-S-OOZES' and 'In the Life In Recovery' were just a few of the seminars and workshops that drew a large turnout. Another hot-ass item that was part of CBP's celebration itinerary.

To cool things off that afternoon and evening was CBP's pool party and Fashion Show sponsored by Jerry Boles Photography, International Male and KC Productions. Chicago's own legendary diva Ms Ruff-n-Stuff from the Biology Bar along with Melvin from the Tom Joyner Morning Show from V103 hosted a superb pool party and Fashion Show. The crowning of a Mr. and Ms. Black Pride took place for the first time in Chicago at the pool party. Models graced the runway with tight bodies wearing gear and fashions from some of Chicago's fashion designers and International Male. To: Craig, Ken, Kathy, Jerry and the entire Culture Events Committee, "Y'all shitda 4 dat 1."

Now later that night, after the fashion show at the Hilton was "Diva to the Dance Floor," a vogue extravaganza hosted by

Images from Black Pride Weekend. Photos by Israel Wright, Sherri Jackson and LaJ

This page: is from Biology bar. Top: Sasha. Below, from left: Otis Mack, Flame Monroe and Ruff-n-Stuff



Lorraine for the youth. This vogue ball turned into a run-way of legendary ballers moping up awards in various categories. In spite of the judges scoring system, I bet the House of Ultra Omni will be next year's official sponsor for the vogue ball, because those kids from that house served us everything from face to voguing-old/new ways. Many thanks to our out-of-town guests who participated.

"You don't know me" and "Live your life, Chicago" were the most memorable lines that Ms. Ruff-n-Stuff shouted out to the children while hosting the Lakefront Festival at Rainbow Beach on East 79th Street on Sunday, July 2. Once again thanks to KC Productions, CBP, Culture Events Committee and the Logistics Committee for securing the space and entertaining thousands' spectators for only \$5. For those who missed it, for whatever reason, you missed CBP exploding their heritage in the hood.

Please for next year get your tickets in an advance, because it was that hot! Performances from Chicago's top entertainers—Indigo Blue, Amalia Black, Flame Monroe and others—were simply marvelous. Baby, the beach was packed with children from all over and for the first time the children behaved, because the Chicago Police was not having it at all, OK!

There were several parties that were hosted throughout the city. The Rails as usual had lines a block long for just about every party they threw. On Friday night, The House had over 1200 people, but Bernard, Kendall and Eric managed to have a smooth night. The Party of 2K goes to Thayer Johnson and the Fu Fu Entertainment. This

party was so hot that they extended it to an extra two hours. Baby, my Moschino I wore did not get wet at all, because the air conditioning at the Excalibur at 632 North Dearborn cooled the kids off while dancing to phat tunes of DJ RBI. This party was tight as hell, thanks guys.

Executive Sweet hosted by Pat and Vera had a hot-ass party for the sistas.

The climax of the weekend was Frankie Knuckles at the House of Blues featuring your free CD's titled 'Escapades.' Another hot party that was sold out by 1 a.m., which Freddie read the ticket agent about turning the kids away and before you knew it they packed all of us in the HOB for \$15.

I told you that this year's Chicago Black Pride would be no joke. If you missed this one then consider being back in the 'hood again in 2001.

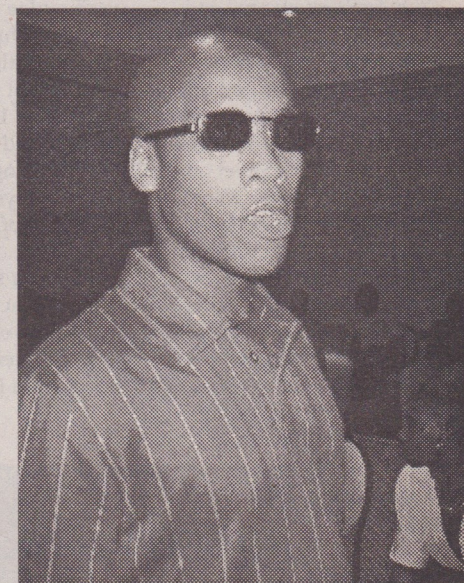


This page: The Black Pride lakefront blast, and Executive Sweet's party for women.

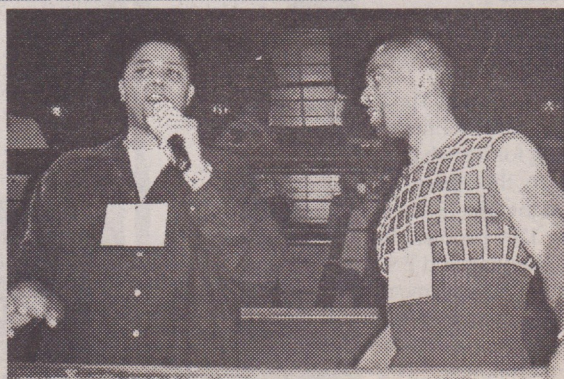


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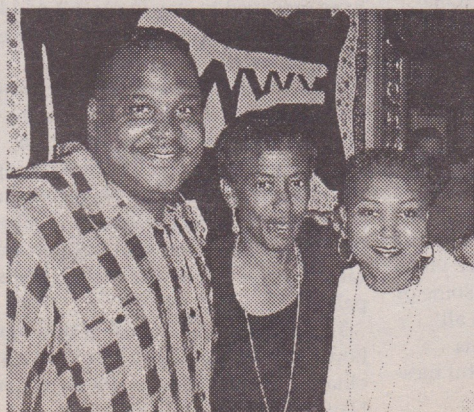
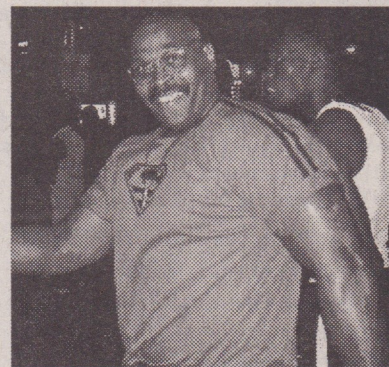
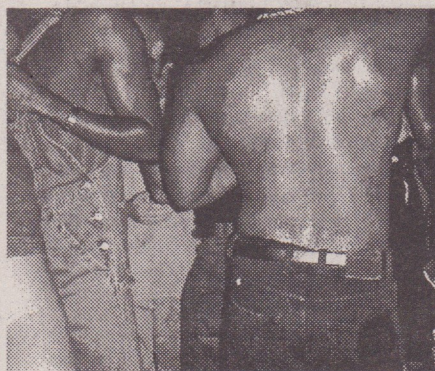
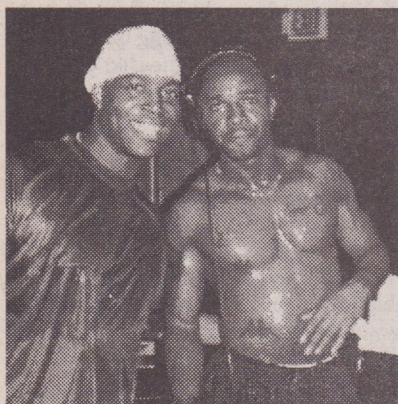
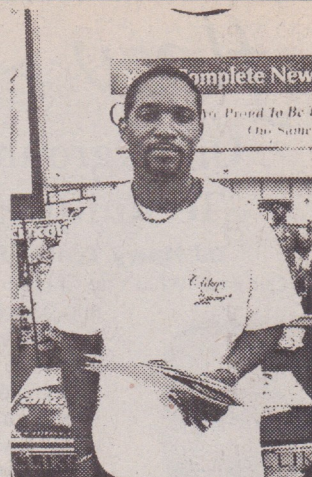
Fu Fu's party.
Above: Thayer
and Rodney;
Derrick Hicks
receives an
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This page: Top
3 pics—The pool
party. Middle
pics—The Rails.
BELOW: DJ
Frankie

Knuckles (bottom left pic) at the D&E Entertainment
show at House of Blues.



flow ~ notes from the BLACKLINES Music Department

Underground Techniques

DJ Harry Tyner, Jr.

¿Que pasa? What's up Chicago? I am in



hot, Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, writing my article to let you all know the flavour for the summer is totally mad! I have decided to dedicate this particular article to my hometown and to the wonderful

and beautiful people I have met whose grooves are turning heads here and abroad. I have compiled a variety of mix CD's from locals and some tracks you must add to your ever-growing music collection.

Lego: "Sounds From the Boom Boom Room" / "Mad Flava" (After Hours/UC Music)

The man behind the decks at Chicago's supreme funk parlor, Red Dog, brings the grooves that makes us move every Monday night right to your home stereo. I am talking about DJ Lego, who not only spins the wax, but also drops tracks full of sweat, heart and soul. This mix CD is full-on discofied funk, deep melodic grooves and vocals to send us reaching for the heavens beyond the clouds.

Just pop this in as he takes us on a journey opening up with "Rescue Me" by Sunkids featuring Chance, moving into "Music Is My Way of Life" by Lab Rats. The build-up of what is yet to come prepares you for a stroll through this urban loft that gets packed to capacity when he puts the needle on the record and the sounds jump off the wax. Besides including his own signature tracks, "El Ritmo De Verdad," "Quiet On the Set," and "When I'm With You," Lego sets the nightlife on fire with feeling and captures it all in this mix, straight from the Boom Boom Room.

But wait, it's not over yet. As I mentioned before, the man has got mad skills and flava. He released several EP's: "Flava In Your Ear 1&2," "Quiet On the Set" and "Jazzmorphism." "Mad Flava," the album by DJ Lego, continues his signature style of underground house with a Latin-jazz vibe. Now if you were expecting to hear some of the old tracks here, guess again. It's all new, including power vocalist Donna Blakely's "My Strength" and a soulful message by Deus ("Spread Love").

My favorites on the album are "Monkey Jazz" and "A Summer's Latin Groove." Although the album contains only six songs, this leaves the door open for greater possibilities to come. So keep listening and keep an eye on one of Chicago's very own, DJ Lego.

Johnny Fiasco: "Cluster" (After Hours/UC Music)

Speaking of the Boom Boom Room, one of its alumni DJ's, Johnny Fiasco or "Pa-Pa" Fiasco, gives us a taste of his legendary prowess with "Cluster." Now when you think of the word, you may be thinking bundle, group or assemble. Well, you are absolutely right.

I was first exposed to Pa-Pa's masterful techniques by way of the old Lizard Lounge in Wicker Park (which has now become Club Foot). Here he assembles an array of delicious beats and tracks. Johnny builds the vibe the way it should be done. This CD features an eclectic mix of vocals, disco riffs and Latin-tinged grooves. From the beginning opener of "Genuine Dub," by DJ Jes, "Sexy Sal," by Daniell Spencer and "The Reason We Took It Underground," by Studio Nova, it's obvious to hear this clump of goodness like a quencher. Are you thirsty for more?

Mel Hammond's "Impetus" takes the mix to another level of frenetic energy. Continuing in that same fashion, blending in "From K-town to Brugetown" by Déjà Vu to "Pollen" by EBE, Johnny stings his target and leaves a lasting impression. Although you may see his name on more production and remix credits moreso than guest spots, Pa-Pa Fiasco continues to surprise us all with his never-ending talents.

DJ David Britton: "House Theory"

I met David a few years ago when I was a suburbanite yearning for the nightlife at Crobar and Red Dog. Over the years, I have managed to stay in contact and be exposed to his talent and to support him in those venues.

After catching me at an engagement where I was in the mix, he gave me a copy of his CD and I was floored! "House Theory" is a musical adventure through the mind of a serious DJ. He blends in some of the phattest grooves and takes your mind, body and soul through a musical excursion that is sure to delight any palate.

This mix is purely non-stop underground house at its finest. If you would like to obtain a copy of this mix, please contact David Britton at (773) 302-2329.

Mr. Egg Germ:

"Partyratinasanitarytrap"

Take a creative musician, a sample and a funky beat. Blend in some heavenly vocals and you have one of the finest beings nature has intended. I happened to stumble upon this creative genius at a loft party, where I was also exposed to a group that you must keep an eye for (8fatfat8). He had an array of keyboards, samplers, live DJs and more to create beats and blends that are phat enough to make you say Damn!

I am talking about Mr. Egg Germ, whose latest (and certainly not the last) CD is full of experimental sounds and boasts a lot of influences of Herbie Hancock and Miles Davis with a 1970s retro feel.

The tracks on this CD vary from trance, trip-hop/breakbeat to funk and underground house. If you would like to know more about Mr. Egg Germ or obtain a copy of his CD, you can catch his set at Subterranean on Mondays at 10 p.m. See www.mreggerm.com or e-mail him at rgehren@dsl.telocity.com

Grill: "Underground Evolution"

I met Robert Grill when he was having a listening party for his sampler that would also lead to a full-length EP. "Underground Evolution" encompasses a variety of influences from jazz, house, ambient trance to Buddhist chants.

The tracks that stand out the most, capturing my immediate attention, were "Afro-Cuban High," "Age of Cool," and "Séance." This artist/DJ has other works complete and in progress. If you would like to obtain a copy or need more info, visit www.corecomm.net/~rgrillo or e-mail rgrillo@megsinet.net

Other music to consider for listening pleasure, which you may be able to obtain as an import or via the Internet: I was given a 2-CD mix from a friend who went to Ibiza. Yag Style (Gay Style) is full of funky underground house to make your body loose and free your mind. This mix contains familiar tracks from Cevin Fisher, "Music Saved My Life," Victor Simonelli, "Bateria," and a classic remix by Candi Stanton, "Young Hearts Run Free." Contact Morbido Records at (34) 93 456 96 66.

DJ Harry T's Underground Top 5

- 1) Bad Habit — AFTC
- 2) Belle et Belle — Love Slap
- 3) Contigo — Nosotros feat. Raul Paz
- 4) My Strength — Lego feat. Donna Blakely
- 5) America Eats Its Young—Black Action Committee Pt 3

Peace y amour =) Smile!

COMING OUT OF DARKNESS:

A Point of Clarity:

Leaving the Darkness

by Sanford E. Gaylord

In my May 2000 column for BLACKLINES, "Searching for Clarity," I wrote about the growing number of African Americans becoming diagnosed or dying due to HIV/AIDS. My attempt was to bring focus to the fact that 20 years after the onset of the pandemic people of color are still the fastest growing demographic impacted by HIV.

Prior to the publishing of that column, Vice President Al Gore stated "...the number of people who will die of AIDS in the first decade of the 21st century will rival the number that died in all the wars in all the decades of the 20th century." His statement was made in January at the United Nations Security Council. Since that time, the president of the U.S. has decreed that HIV/AIDS is a matter of national security. Our global economy is feeling the affect of the AIDS pandemic, the workforce has been decimated in some countries and millions of children have been left orphaned. Some of those children now have to deal with their lives as HIV-positive individuals. Sometimes with little to no medical care, care that we may take for granted living in large urban areas of the United States.

HIV/AIDS is now the leading cause of death for people of African decent in the U.S. and some countries in the African motherland are revealing statistics that show that 1 in 4 adults are now HIV positive. In some aspects it seems as though we as a global community still need to come out of darkness about HIV. Some of us have found clarity after a serious soul searching. It's a damn shame that the threat of lack of revenue may have been a motivator for political folks to start to pay more attention. I'm not bitter. As of August, I will have just been positive 11 of the 20 years that the world has been aware of HIV/AIDS.

In the months of June and July, there have been reports and rebuttals of a new wave of HIV infection in San Francisco. It has been a hot topic on the Internet. The debate ensues because health officials there are concerned that after years of leveled rates of infection, the number of new infections of HIV nearly doubled, to 900, in 1999. There was a quote in THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE June 30 that was used from Tom Coates, a noted director of an AIDS research institute: "This is a harbinger of what is going to happen all over the country. What happens in the HIV epidemic usually happens here first."

I spoke with some friends of mine at work about the e-mailed article. We all agreed



that this could in fact be a scary reality especially with the increasingly alarming rates of syphilis that are being reported all over the country, especially with same-gender-loving (SGL) men. What was really interesting is that I brought up how there were hundreds of men who came from all over the country for Chicago Black Pride. Many folks came for the cultural aspect, but there is always the possibility of finding someone you may engage with sexually if you are in the heat of the moment. A moment of being in the heat of the moment may sometimes relax your sexual boundaries, which might lead to unwanted STDs—let alone HIV. These folks then return home and carry on with their lives, or someone, and so on, and so on. It was then mentioned that the International Mr. Leather Weekend was this past Memorial Day where same-gender-loving-people traveled from across the world and came together for a weekend. Then I thought how a majority of SGL people of African decent travel from all across the United States and descend on Washington, D.C. the same weekend for their pride celebration. From our group consensus, if there is a new wave of HIV infection it's probably rippling across the country and being transmitted as you are reading this column.

I guess our conversation flashed me back and haunted me with my own words from my own column, "Searching for Clarity," where I wrote that I thought that we may have become a bit desensitized to the statistics. That people have heard the same old messages about safer sex and using condoms. How complacent some of us may have become because of the hype we hear over AIDS being a manageable disease because of anti-retroviral therapy and protease inhibitors prolonging lives.

How haunting it is for some of us to talk about some of the most basic elements of being human: the need for love, to be touched and the primal need for sex. I guess there are no coincidences when you decide to write it out or talk it out.

As we approach the 21st century I have come to realize that in the journey called life we will always be in a search for clarity as well as having intervals of being in darkness until we find a point of clarity for ourselves. It's still summer and a lot of people are enjoying what their journeys may bring them. People are making choices and part of being an adult is making choices in life. I must admit that a life of pills to sustain

your life as you battle HIV is full of peaks and valleys. I can tell you that no one has to be honest about a thing if all they are interested in is getting a nut but you knew that already, didn't you? You already knew that it's your responsibility to practice safer sex even if you're living with HIV, didn't you?

If in fact this new wave of HIV infection has started in San Francisco, I believe that the waves have never stopped. This is just one of those big ones and if we look at the past we can protect the future. There have already been reports of multi-drug resistant HIV on both coasts last year. Many individuals are not just surviving with HIV but living even in the face of side effects of medicine prescribed to help contain the virus including lipodystrophy, a body fat redistribution that has been linked to heart attacks and diabetes.

Many are surviving even though there may be a threat of system failures. Daily life with HIV can take the strongest spirit down an avenue of darkness.

I am concerned that people of color need to be prepared for this and learn from what we've seen and endured thus far in the past 20 years and countless funerals. I'm excited that the Chicago Department of Public Health has Mocha 2000 addressing the needs of people of color. Developing new methods of HIV/AIDS education and prevention along with better healthcare for those of us who are living with HIV even before the government officially discussed HIV/AIDS as a matter of national security.

I'm elated that at Chicago's Black Pride, I was able to see brothas's facilitate workshops which engaged the audience about gender identity, sexuality, religion/spirituality and HIV/AIDS with new methods of engaging thinking about behaviors and issues or concerns that we may have already heard.

It's always a good thing to be in a search for clarity or even have an epiphany about your life's journey. By now, 20 years later, we have heard about HIV/AIDS and heard about safer sex between consenting adults. I was searching for clarity before this summer started and now a point of clarity is showing through the darkness. Since there has been a new wave of HIV infection that's hit the West Coast, and, since we live in the world of global travel, we need to learn from the past so we won't bring such despair and mistakes into the 21st century.

Hopefully we can cause a brighter future.

I'm hopeful we can continue a rippling effect of knowledge, love and understanding for our people, for ourselves. We must continue to dialogue with our peers and especially our youth who are walking in our footsteps. We are worth it. Aren't we?

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10 Steps to Financial Security

by Shamara Riley

One phrase that has always stuck with me is "proper planning prevents poor performance." Although my grandfather imparted this wisdom in the academic and athletic realms, it's also a good lesson for one's finances. African Americans are generally more brand loyal than whites—to the extent that we spend significantly more on items such as TVs and clothes. Unfortunately, on average we only possess about 10% of the net financial worth of whites.

This wealth gap is due to various factors (for one, whites tend to inherit more money), but a major one is that our community is simply not saving and investing enough of our income. For the past couple of years I've been embarking on a journey to make my money work for me, and here are some lessons that I've learned.

Goals—keep 'em real. Why do you want to be financially secure? It's good to outline your short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. Perhaps you'd like to buy a home, start your own business, save for your child's college education, put money aside for retirement, or stash cash so you can go to D.C.'s Black Gay Pride next year. Whatever your goals, write them down and review them on a periodic basis to keep your eyes on the prize.

Recognize the difference between income and net worth. Contrary to popular opinion, it's not what you earn that determines how well off you are—it's how much you *save and invest* what you earn. The appearance of wealth—new car, designer clothes, and upscale vacations—does not necessarily equal actual wealth. A person can make a lot of money, and yet have little or no net worth (what you own minus what you owe). Unfortunately, high-profile

examples such as the bankruptcy experiences of M.C. Hammer and TLC—who all made a phenomenal amount of money—come to mind.

Pay yourself first. Often said like a broken record, but what exactly does this mean? My family taught me to always save 10% of my income, regardless of my economic situation. Even when I was earning a very modest income early in my career, I kept this message to heart. Now that I'm more established, I stash a higher percentage. Direct deposit keeps me honest, as the money is taken out of my paycheck or account before I have a chance to spend it.

Now, you may be thinking, "Girl, please! I'd love to pay myself first—as soon as I get some money to save." I've been there. However, you already have the money! Any person with a job can save at least \$25 a month, or \$300. It may not sound like it's worth the effort, but if you invest it in the stock market at an 11% return, you'll have more than \$2000 in five years thanks to compounding interest.

I once attended a financial planning workshop sponsored by Chicago Foundation for Women where a former welfare recipient discussed how she started an investment club with other former recipients. If these women of very modest incomes can save, so can virtually anyone. Paying yourself means setting aside money to save & invest *before* your phone bill or even your rent. You then live off the remaining money, which forces you to do the next step:

Budget, budget, budget.

Saving does not equal deprivation—it's simply about reducing unnecessary spending so you have money for the things you want to do. Are you truly aware of how much money you spend in various categories on an *annual* basis? All of us have areas where we can easily reduce our spending, as even the "little" expenses can add up. For instance, I was surprised at

just how much money I spent on books, magazines, and snacks last year and have cut back accordingly.

If you have access to a computer, programs such as Quicken or Microsoft Money will help you track your expenses and identify areas where you can cut back. If you don't have a computer, keep a notebook and calculator handy.

Educate yourself on finance.

Before this spring, stock tables found in newspapers and TV commentary stating "Nasdaq was up 30 points today" intimidated me. Then I started reading financial publications like BLACK ENTERPRISE, YOUR MONEY, and SMARTMONEY. The stock market isn't as complicated, as it seems! However, make sure you know the expenses involved, the risks and benefits, and minimum deposits of any investment.

Take advantage of free money at work—and lower your taxes. This is one of the best ways to build your wealth. Does your employer offer stock options or a profit-sharing plan? Sign up! Many employers make 401(k) (for corporations) or 403(b) (for non-profits) retirement plans available, and even match your contribution. Government employees have their own plan. My 403(b) contribution bumps me down to a lower tax bracket—which puts more money in my pocket and less in Uncle Sam's wallet.

If your employer doesn't offer a retirement plan, you can set up an Individual Retirement Account or Roth IRA. Self-employed people can set up a SEP-IRA or Defined Contribution plan. All but the Roth IRA (which is funded through taxable income but is not taxed when you retire) are tax-deferred. Every dollar you invest reduces your taxable income and increases your retirement fund.

Keep credit card debt to a minimum. This is where many of us get weak, and thus fail to meet our financial goals. Buying on credit may feel good at the time, but it's expensive in the

long run. Work to purchase items on credit, and pay more than the minimum required to reduce your interest payments in the long run. On *Oprah*, I once heard about people (literally) freezing their cards, which gave them time to think about their desired purchase as the card was thawing out!

Kick your savings account to the curb. Everyone should have an emergency fund account in anticipation of life's challenges. If you have a passbook savings account and it's not paying you a competitive yield of 5% or more—and the average savings account has low interest—then rid yourself of it. My former savings account had a paltry yield of 2.02%. After a story I read in BLACK ENTERPRISE (www.blackenterprise.com), I found a money market account paying 6.25% interest, with an ATM card. The difference can put \$100, \$300, or more extra dollars in your wallet.

Places to start include Nexity Bank (\$1,000 initial deposit, www.nexity.com, 877/738-6391) and Bank Direct (\$500 initial deposit, www.bankdirect.com, 877/839-2737). Some money-market accounts can be opened for just \$250.

After you've built up a liquid emergency fund (experts advise 3-6 months worth of living expenses), you can consider certificates of deposit. CDs allow you to gain interest. Bank Caroline (www.bankcaroline.com, 877/692-2765) offers CDs with a \$500 initial investment—cheap compared to the usual \$1,000 or \$10,000. Shop around, as you may get a better rate from an out-of-state bank or an online bank. Don't worry, it's FDIC insured unless it's a money-market mutual fund (be sure to check).

Invest in stocks for as little as \$10 a month! God bless the Internet, which has made it a lot easier for those of us without Bill Gates' wealth to enter the stock market. Research information once only available to institutional and wealthy investors is

now a click away. We've all seen the wacky commercials for online brokers E-Trade (\$2000 initial investment, www.etrade.com) and Ameritrade (\$500 initial investment, www.ameritrade.com). Freetradez.com (\$500 initial investment, www.freetradez.com) is a new online broker. Depending on how often you trade, you can now make trades for as low as \$5 online—or free with Freetradez (because of ads).

If \$500 is outside your reach, Sharebuilder (www.sharebuilder.com) enables folks to purchase one share (or even a fraction of a share) of leading companies for as little as \$10 a month. With your approval, they can deduct it from your paycheck or bank account.

If you don't have access to the Internet (or even if you do) and have modest funds, you may want to check out direct enrollment stock purchase. DESPs allow you to buy shares directly from a company that pays dividends, where a portion of company profits is given back to shareholders. Call 800/774-4117 for more a list of participating companies. DRIPs (direct reinvestment plans) are similar, but you may have to purchase your first share from a broker. Check out these websites for information on DRIPs:

www.buyandhold.com,
www.dripcentral.com,
www.dripinvestor.com.
 With both DRIPs and DESPs, you can purchase by dollar amount, which enables you to invest sums as low as \$20 a month.

If you don't have the time to keep track of individual stocks, many mutual funds (where your money is pooled with other people's cash in an investment portfolio overseen by a professional money manager) have opened the door for you to get in relatively cheaply. Putnam Investments (www.putnaminv.com, 800/225-1581) has mutual funds where the minimum

investment is \$500. TIAA-CREF (www.tiaa-cref.org, 800/842-1924) allows you to invest in its mutual funds for as little as \$25 a month through its automatic investment plan.

You should only invest money you can "afford" to lose. You have the potential to significantly increase your riches, but you are also open to the risk of losing money. If you owned Qualcomm stock in 1999, you got a more than 2,000% return on your investment. However, Qualcomm stock has now plummeted. If you can't afford to lose the money or your savings goal is within a year, it belongs in a money market account or CD.

Have a plan to pass on your assets. The family strife arising from Tupac Shakur's death should give us all pause in this area. Tupac died without a will, and his father—who was never involved in his upbringing—came out of the woodwork claiming his "fair share" of Tupac's estate. Make sure your assets land in the hands of the individuals or charities of your choice. If you have children, it is imperative you have a will that outlines who will take care of your children. Life insurance is also good to have if anyone depends on your income.

In all, it's far better to be proactive about financial planning than reactive. If we are to compete effectively in the new global economy, we must also take charge of our financial health and invest in our future.

Otherwise, what sort of legacy are we leaving for our community's children?

Resources for More Information:
 David Bach, *Smart Women Finish Rich: 7 Steps to Achieving Financial Security and Funding Your Dreams*
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Drama

by Vicky Nabors

The word "drama" has crossed my lips and my mind too many times this month. I guess my life has been pretty dramatic and the television has contributed to even more drama in my head, so let's talk about drama. Have you ever really listened to the conversations that take place around you? Our world has truly evolved from the hide-your-dirty-laundry *Leave It To Beaver*-era to a "post-Roseanne" put your dirty drawers in the streets format. Back in the day, when I was a kid, the rule was, "What goes on in this house stays in this house!" And all the Black parents meant exactly that. The reward for those unfortunate children who leaked family information was the belt, the switch, or the extension chord. Boy have things changed. Now we see families actually bringing their personal drama to the *Jerry Springer* and *Sally J.R.* shows. I mean Black families! Whatever the reason may be, it is clear that drama is "in" and privacy is a thing of the past.

Still, drama for me is the essence of life because it is given birth and develops as humans experience life. Adventure, frustrations, fears, and mysteries are four major elements that contribute to the development of drama. Black, lesbian, and gay communities often use the word "drama" when referring to negative human emotions or negative conditions, but drama doesn't necessarily have to be negative.

The term itself refers to the acting out of a story. Drag Queens even contribute to the acting out of a particular personality, which represents their perception of woman. It's drama acted out in public; and they do evoke many emotions from the people around them. People often claim to hate the presence of drama in their lives.



But, I think the world would be boring without a little drama and the outspoken personalities who create dramatic situations.

Everyone who lives and breathes represents some aspect of the drama of our society. I see drama as a two-sided entity, one negative and one positive, both having creative usefulness.

The negative aspects of drama can be looked upon as lessons learned. We learn by experiencing and we experience by becoming involved as a participant or an observer. Still, the only way to gain wisdom is to absorb knowledge and knowledge exists everywhere, even in uncomfortable situations. I mean you can be naive or you become keenly aware of the world around you.

Negative drama also helps to force the public to acknowledge oppressive problems. Groups like Act Up, Farrakhan's Black Muslim movement, the radical women's movement, Lesbian Avengers, etc. get their message out through hardcore dramatic actions. I mean, who pays attention to nice orderly protesters? Even Dr. King's crusade had a dramatic component to it with the sit-ins. Blacks weren't violent but the police were, which created the violent drama that brought the struggle to the public via TV. But, diversity in America is the creator of our current flow of "drama" because diversity creates entertainment, fears, challenge, unique traditions, and of course jealousy and greed. Hey! Whatcha gonna do? This is America "land of the free and home of the drama."

I basically use drama for my own entertainment and educational purposes because in doing so drama is never able to use me for its on entertainment.

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Leather World

by Cain Berlinger
PRIDE!

Leather pride weekend got off to a rousing start with the Mr. Lure contest (congratulations Fred Little!) then there was a spectacular auction of leather toys, books, furniture and weekend run packages all presented by notables in the leather/fetish/kink community from New York and other major cities.

The problem with summer is that there are events going on all over the country that we want to attend. This was such a month, fortunately there were enough luminaries to go around as evidenced by the terrific turnout for Folsom Street East, who once again did a great job in bringing New York's diverse leather and kink community together to support this charitable event. Five minutes of rain helped to cool the sweltering attendees in Leather and latex. Davian Nelson, a former Mr. Ebony Leather '97, is the current FSE coordinator.

Meanwhile in Atlanta, the Southeast leather fest was heating up the South. Congratulations to the many new title holders sashed that weekend. We've all heard of Mr. Marcus's brush with bad health and his subsequent recovery. We wish him well.

New York's gay pride weekend was its usual madness of too many people, too many agendas and those who came out to watch the freaks and those who obliged them. In a copycat repeat of the Central Park assaults which occurred at the Puerto Rican day parade a few weeks ago, a 17-year-old boy claimed that he was assaulted by several gay men. When he reported it to the police he said he was ignored. The policeman has been suspended without pay.

While arguably San Francisco still boasts the biggest gay pride, Chicago and Toronto reports that representation was high and casualties were low in our day of celebration of diversity, inclusiveness, and political strides that are being made across the country.

While it is great to celebrate the progress that has occurred since the early pre-Stonewall days, we would be foolish to think that Stonewall was the sole catalyst for these changes, and that we have come far enough to no longer feel the need to be political. No one talks of the raids on gay bars like The Timberland just a few feet from the Stonewall where the police seriously vandalized the club to where it had to



close. Or the harassment of the gay after-hours club Psychedelic Shack, also a few hundred feet away from Stonewall. There were still regular raids on Christopher End, The Barn and The Exit. All these incidents occurred weeks AFTER the Stonewall riots. The major contributors to change were, and are, the people dedicated to

political and social change, and are aware that the fight is far from over, when the march is more than a celebration but a demand for equality and an end to harassment of not just gay people but all people.

The current generation needs to be reminded that there is still work to be done and as evidenced by the occurrence of harassment and back-peddling politicians it can all be taken away. The right for Black Americans to vote has to be renewed every five years, that too can be taken away as easily as our hard-earned gay rights. Be proud of who you are, and what we as a diverse community have accomplished. The next time you sling or see anyone else slinging attitude, try to remember that we are all in this together. Beware the slippery slope!

And Happy Pride.

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Intersex Feminism

by Lynnell Stephani Long
Chromosomes: Why we
are the way we are!

Many of us may already know what chromosomes are, and how they determine our gender. The average genetic female has XX



chromosomes, and the average genetic male has XY chromosomes. If you think that's where it ends then you're mistaken.

Most Intersex people have XXX, XXY or XYY chromosomes.

While I am XXY, there are other Intersex women like me who may be XXY, XYY or XYY. What makes someone born Intersex is still unknown.

While I think it's important for everyone to have all the facts regarding Intersex individuals, I can only tell you what I know. For the past five years I have investigated my medical history to find out why I am the way I am. At first I thought I hit a dead end because there were no records available at

Cook County Hospital, where I was born, and the University of Chicago Hospital was reluctant to release my medical records. After two-and-a-half years of investigating, this is what I know:

I was born June 11, 1963 at Cook County Hospital, in Chicago. I was born a hermaphrodite with Hypospadias and a bifid scrotum. Hypospadias is when the urethra is formed under the penis instead of at the top. A bifid scrotum is where the sack that holds the testes are not fused, forming a pseudolabia. Corrective surgery was performed at birth, leaving me with basic male genitalia, but no testicles.

In 1971 I was taken to the University of Chicago Hospital because I was shorter than most kids my age. After several tests, I was diagnosed with Hypopituitarism, and growth hormone deficiency. At the age of 14 I started having gynecomastia (breast growth). It was at that time that my endocrinologist also diagnosed me with Hypoadrenalism, hypothyroidism, hypogonadism, and Klinefelter Syndrome. During this time I was given Testosterone injections (male hormones) because my body had started the feminization process, which is normal for adolescent girls. Even though I had no testes, or clinically Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (Testicular Feminization), I was still treated as a male.

During the next 12 years I was diagnosed with gender dysphoria, because I believed that I was a girl and had said so my entire life. It wasn't until 1998, after discussing my case with someone on the Internet, that I realized I was actually Intersex. I had first come out as Transsexual because I was familiar with the TS community. Even though I knew that I was different than Transsexuals, there wasn't an Intersex community to come out to at that time.

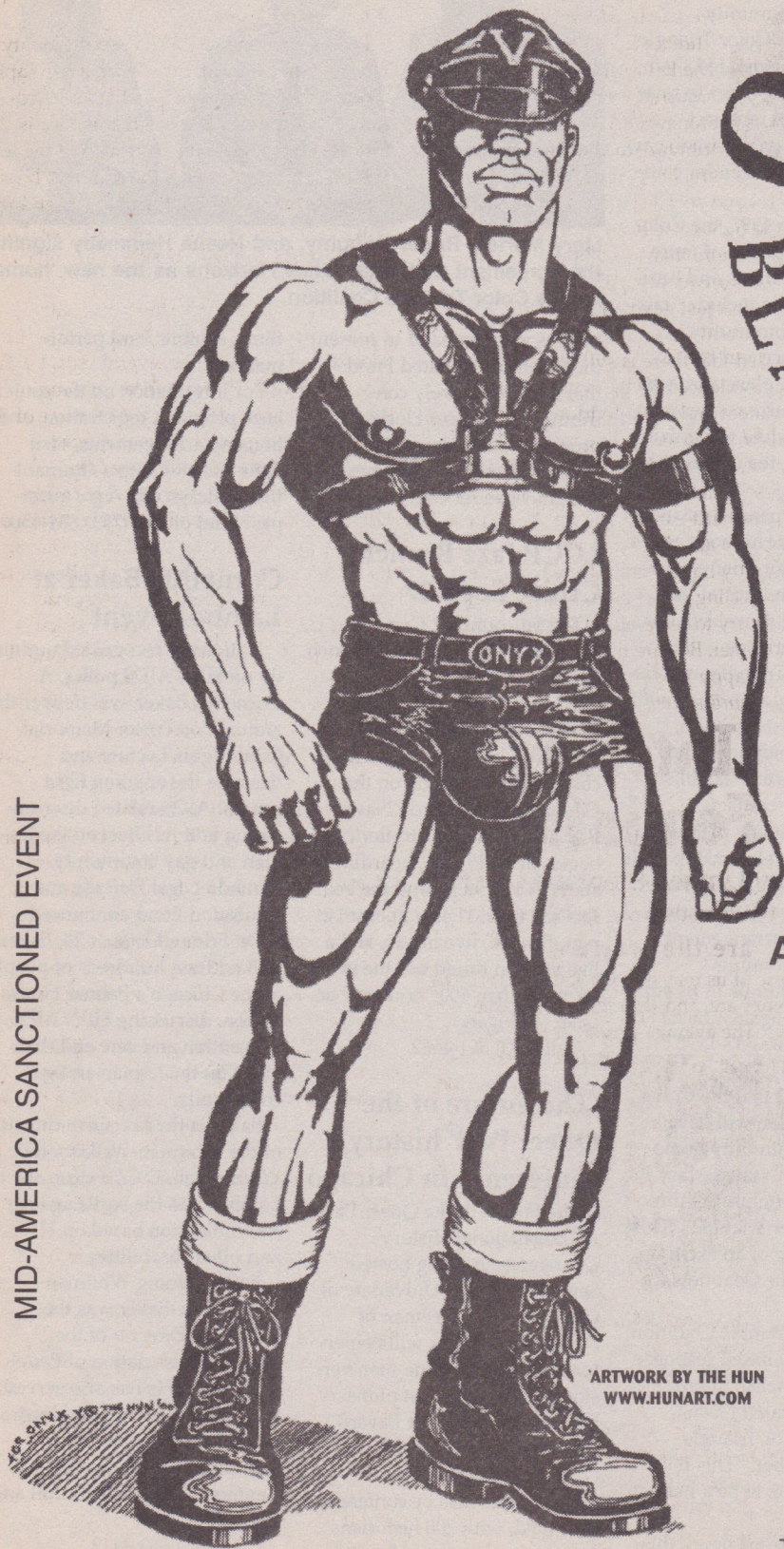
In late 1998 I saw an interview on television with Cheryl Chase of the Intersex Society of North America, on *Dateline*. In her interview, Cheryl mentioned the number of children born each year who are Intersex. She also mentioned Klinefelter Syndrome, and other medical conditions that make someone Intersex. Two months later I started researching my medical history to find out if I was indeed Intersex.

Some time that year, after knowing for sure, I came out as Intersex.

Since the Intersex community is seen as people who are of more than one gender, we have been included under the umbrella of Transgendered. Most Intersex people, including myself, feel this is an inadequate definition. We are not Transgendered; we are people that are born between the gender spectrum.

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SMITH from 14

While village officials said they found no wrongdoing, they did settle. The \$4.95 million, announced June 27, ends the case against the Village of Hoffman Estates, members of the police, Columbia Hoffman Estates Medical Center, and others.

"There are two tragic lessons in this story," attorney McFadden said. "The first is that Logan's death was avoidable. Had he received proper medical attention, he could have survived his injuries. The second lesson had broader reach. In the course of our extensive investigation in this case, we discovered that the police department in Hoffman Estates was apparently engaging in practices that have since come to be known as 'racial profiling.' Targeting minorities is, unfortunately, standard practice in many communities. This case should serve as a reminder to municipalities everywhere that there are consequences for violating the civil liberties of residents. Resisting an unfair arrest should not be a death sentence. In Logan's case, it was."

The lawsuit alleged, among other things, that the Hoffman Estates police violated standard police procedures and constitutional law. It further alleged that the police rewrote the original incident report upon learning of Smith's death. The complaint also alleged police brutality. The Columbia Hoffman Estates Medical Center and Dr. Pardeep Bhanot faced charges of medical negligence and wrongful death for releasing Smith when he was sick. According to the complaint, the victim's extensive medical history was known both to medical personnel at the hospital and to the police.

Mike Spitz contributed to the 1997 OUTLINES report about this case.

Horizons and Color Triangle join forces

Horizons Community Services and the Color Triangle Coalition have expanded their relationship in an effort to raise consciousness of race and racism in Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Established in 1997, the Color Triangle is comprised of more than 20 organizations and businesses. Objectives include "raising the LGBT community's awareness of race and racism and developing plans and activities that maximize cooperation and inclusion while recognizing and celebrating the diversity of the community."

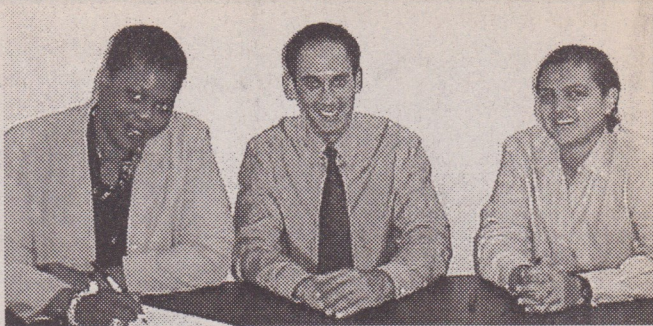
The newly expanded relationship establishes Horizons as the "home" for Color Triangle, providing voice- and postal-mail services as well as website links. In addition, Horizons will provide the Color Triangle with fiscal sponsorship, assistance with information dissemination, administrative support, and assistance in further establishing community contacts.

"We are extremely pleased to strengthen our relationship with the Color Triangle," said Roger Doughty, Horizons' Executive Director. "This arrangement appropriately commits Horizons to continue in its support for efforts against racism of all forms in Chicago's LGBT community."

"I am pleased that the Color Triangle Coalition will have a permanent community home with Horizons," stated Mary F. Morten, founding project director for the Color Triangle. "This is the beginning of an exciting new phase in the Coalition's development."

"The Color Triangle Coalition is a community-based response to combating racism in our community," stated Neena Hemmady, Color Triangle Coalition member. "This relationship appears to be a perfect match."

In other Horizons news, this past Tuesday, a pool of state leg-



Mary Morten, Roger Doughty, and Neena Hemmady signing the agreement that establishes Horizons as the new 'home' for the Color Triangle Coalition.

islators were on hand to present the "Member Initiated Funds" that they collectively contributed to support Horizons' programs and services in Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

LCCP Jazz Brunch Cruise Sept. 17

The 5th Annual "Cruising Because We Care 5" Jazz Brunch Cruise sponsored by the Lesbian Community Cancer Project is Sunday, Sept. 17.

The fundraiser begins with a champagne reception on the *Odyssey* cruise ship on Navy Pier at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 10:45 a.m., boarding starts at 11:15 a.m. and the boat sets sail from 11:45 a.m. until 2 p.m. Brunch, live music, and a live auction round out the event for more than 600 "cruisers" on Lake Michigan.

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'The Future of the Queer Past' history conference in Chicago

The Future of the Queer Past: A Transnational History Conference, is being hosted Sept. 14-17 at the University of Chicago. Brian Freeman of Pomo Afro Homos will be performing a special one-man version of his play about pioneering Black gay activist Bayard Rustin during the conference.

This is expected to be the largest queer history conference ever held, with 200 historians from around the world speaking on 50 panels, as well as

films, exhibits, and performances.

For information on the conference program, registration, and housing arrangements, visit their website: <http://humanities.uchicago.edu/cgs/queer-past.html> or call (773) 834-4509.

Cornelius Baker at Lambda event

Nationally recognized authority on HIV/AIDS policy, A. Cornelius Baker, will deliver the annual Bon Foster Memorial Civil Rights Lecture and describe the ongoing fight against AIDS-related discrimination and its effect on the lesbian and gay community, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced.

On Friday, October 20, Baker will address hundreds of people at the Chicago's Palmer House Hilton, discussing HIV/AIDS prevention and care and their effect on the lesbian and gay community.

Baker is the executive director of the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C., a close ally of Lambda's in the battle against discrimination based on HIV and other disabilities.

Before joining Whitman-Walker, Mr. Baker was the Executive Director of the National Association of People with AIDS. He has also served in the White House administration and participated in key committees of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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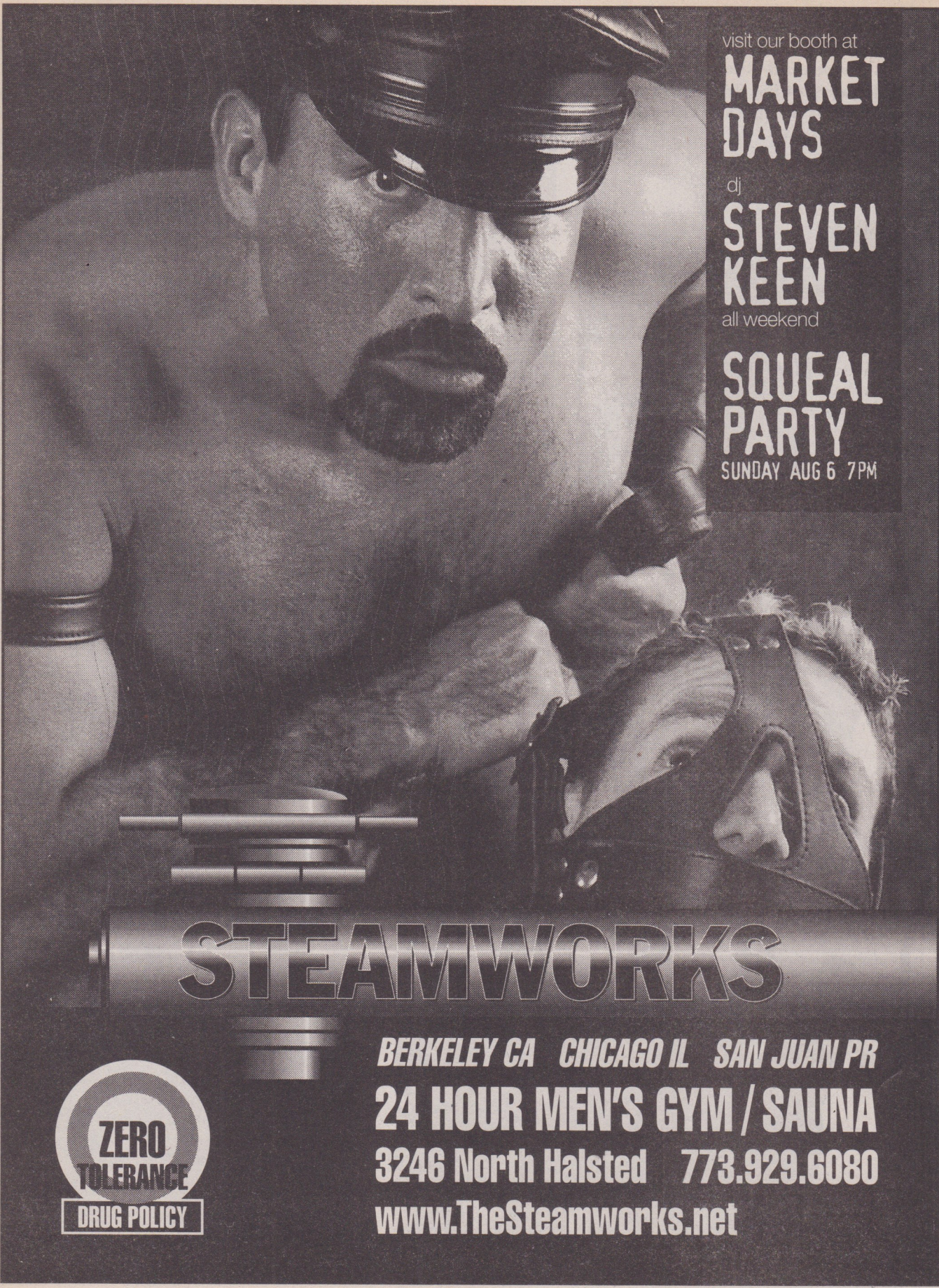
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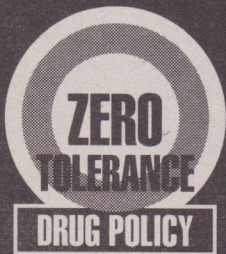
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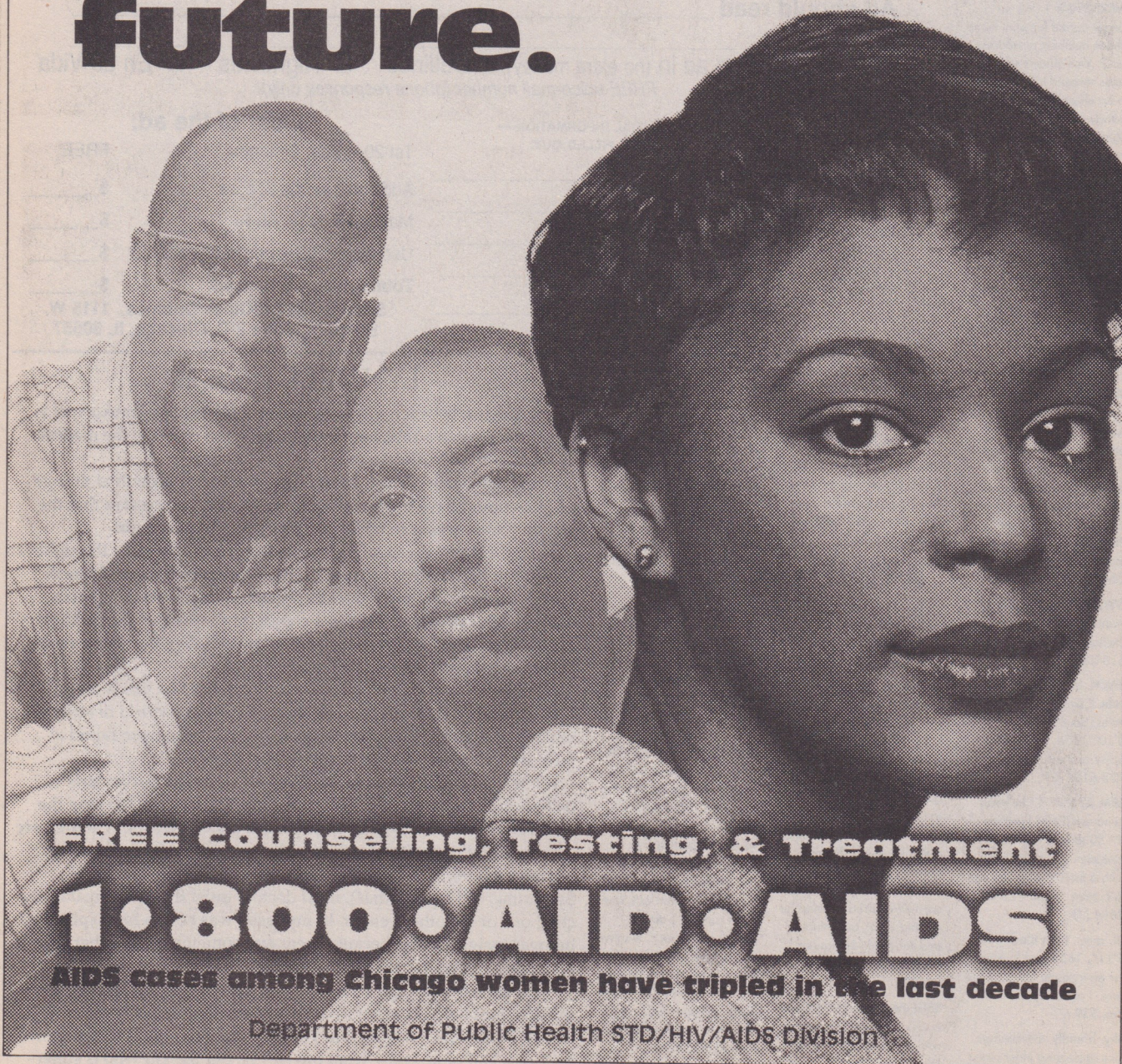
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Chicago Black Pride doesn't just happen July 4th weekend—the traditional after-parade party at the Rocks also attracted thousands of GLBTs of color. Photos by Israel Wright



Your partners secrets could affect your future.

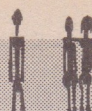


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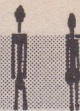
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LYNNELL from 26

The difference between a Transsexual and myself is a Transsexual is transitioning into a role; I am transitioning out of a role the medical profession tried to affix to me.

I truly believe that when I started having breast growth at the age of 14 it should have been evident to the medical profession that the girl they were trying to make into a boy was indeed a girl.

Each year there are literally hundreds of cases like mine throughout the world. Fortunately, because of ISNA (Intersex Society of North America), more and more doctors are becoming aware of Intersex children, and parents are given a choice. In some cases the children are allowed to live the way they are born until they themselves have chosen what gender they wish to live.

What I am hoping to prove by writing articles like this is that it's impossible to continue to believe that we exist in a world of strictly males and females. There are women, like me, who were raised as boys, and there are men who were raised as girls.

While I believe in the equal rights of all women, I particularly believe in the equal rights for Intersex Individuals. For too long the medical profession has used us as guinea pigs. Even after children are diagnosed with medical conditions that are caused from the child having been born Intersex (i.e. Klinefelter Syndrome, Turners Syndrome, or Hypospadias), most doctors insist that they "make" the child one or the other gender. In my case I was born a hermaphrodite, but was assigned male because there was something there that resembled male genitalia.

I told myself years ago after the Mountain Moving Coffeehouse incident that I would never disclose personal information about myself in my articles again, but I believe that not only is it imperative that John Q. Public know what Intersex is, but the kid who is suffering as I once did also needs this information.

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HOTLINE RESOURCE COUNSELOR: Provides counseling, information and referral to callers on the Illinois State HIV/AIDS & STD Hotline. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field/experience, one year experience in HIV-related field, understanding of HIV/AIDS issues, ability to work with diverse staff and volunteers, some evenings and weekends required. Enthusiasm and commitment essential. Bilingual Spanish/English highly desirable, women and people of color strongly encouraged to apply. **EOE. Direct resumes to Lisa Tonna, Dir. Information & Referral, Horizons Community Services, 961 W. Montana, Chicago, IL 60614. FAX (773) 472-6643. No calls please. (8/15)**

HOTLINE COORDINATOR: Position coordinates all activities of the Illinois State HIV/AIDS & STD Hotline and the Lesbian & Gay HELPLINE. Serves as principal liaison with IDPH, ensures program compliance, supervises daily operations, staff, and volunteers. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field/experience, 3 years in social work or HIV/AIDS related field, comprehensive understanding of HIV/AIDS health, cultural, psychosocial issues, min. 2 years exp. supervising staff/volunteers, strong organizational skills, flexibility to work some evening/weekends. Enthusiasm and commitment essential. Bilingual Spanish/English highly desirable, women and people of color strongly encouraged to apply. **EOE. Direct resumes to Lisa Tonna, Dir. Information & Referral, Horizons Community Services, 961 W. Montana, Chicago, IL 60614. FAX (773) 472-6643. No calls please. (8/16)**

EDUCATION & SUPPORT SERVICES COORDINATOR: This full-time position administers all aspects of the ESS program, which provides peer-led support groups, workshops, and wellness services to the LGBT community. Qualified candidates will possess a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred) in social work or related field, a minimum 2 years project/budget planning and program development experience, knowledge of LGBT issues, and strong communications skills. Bilingual/bicultural highly desirable. Passion and commitment essential. Women and people of color encouraged to apply. Submit cover letter and resume to Nikita Buckhoy, Dir. of Programs, Horizons Community Services, 961 W. Montana, Chicago, IL 60640. **EOE. No**

calls please. (8/4)

VOLUNTEER THERAPISTS—Horizons Community Services is seeking LGBT friendly Volunteer Therapists. If you have 2 hrs a week for clients, a grad degree in Social Work, Psychology or Counseling, and independent licensure in IL., we need you! There are benefits to volunteering at Horizons! **Call Michael at ext. 237, or Leslie at ext. 261 at Horizons 773.472.6469** to learn more. Female therapists and therapists of color are much needed and especially encouraged to call. **(7/26)**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELOR/CARE MANAGER—This full-time position provides individual and group counseling, care management, court and medical advocacy to survivors of domestic violence, as well as education to individuals, social service agencies, and clients on lesbian and gay domestic violence-issues and services. Qualified candidates will possess a Master's degree in social work or related field preferably with licensure by an appropriate professional body, one or more years experience in public speaking, crisis intervention, client advocacy, and care management experience with knowledge of same-sex domestic violence issues. Bilingual/bicultural highly desirable. Passion and commitment essential. Women and people of color encouraged to apply. Submit cover letter and resume to **Lisa Tonna, Dir. of Information and Referral, Horizons Community Services, 961 W. Montana, Chicago, IL 60640. EOE. No calls please. (7/26)**

GRANTS MANAGER—This full-time position will research, identify, and solicit potential corporate, foundation and government funding sources, participate in grant-related development goals, complete all applications, and submit proposals. Qualified candidates will possess a Bachelor's degree with a minimum 2 years grant-writing experience, knowledge of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues, and excellent written and verbal communications skills. Bilingual/bicultural desirable. Passion and commitment essential. Competitive salary, excellent benefits. **EOE. Submit cover letter, resume, and 2 grant writing samples to: Paul Fairchild, Director of Development, Horizons Community Services, 961 W. Montana, Chicago, IL 60614. No calls please. (7/26)**

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR—This full-time position develops and directs all efforts to recruit, train, recognize and coordinate volunteers for programs, services, and special events which serve Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Duties include building a diverse volunteer base, interviewing prospective volunteers, coordinating social and recognition events, collecting and managing data, and preparing the program budget. Qualified candidates will be highly organized, have experience training/managing volunteers, knowledge of LGBT issues, strong written and verbal communications skills, and the proven ability to work with diverse groups. Bilingual/bicultural highly desirable. Passion and commitment essential. Women and people of color encouraged to apply. **EOE. Submit cover letter and resume to: Hank Kline, Horizons Community Services, 961 W. Montana, Chicago, IL 60614. No calls please. (7/26)**

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR: Approx. 30 hours per

week, \$15 per hour. Membership development, Staffing of special events, Secretarial duties, Writing and editing skills, Mailings, Phone answering, Working with vendors, Scheduling of meetings, Doing outreach, Working with databases and the web. Multi-tasking. Independently motivated. Act as a communication link to board of directors for a large sporting and cultural organization. Skills needed: Typing, proofreading, database work, good phone and people skills. **Apply by Aug. 4 to: Chicago 2006, FAX 773-871-7609.** Organization bidding to bring the Gay Games® to America's Heartland.

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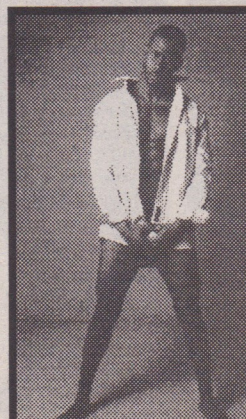
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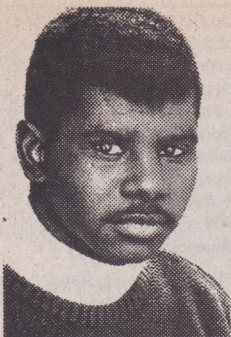
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World View: World Wide Web

by Andrew Davis

Of Watergate and Platform Shoes

You know that phrase "Everyone old is new again"? Well it's resonating louder than ever, thanks to the resurgence of '70s elements into our culture. From *Shaft* to the Farrah 'do, the '70s are coming back in a major way. So, without further ado, here are some sites that may have you yearning for the days of Pop Rocks® and eight-track tapes:

1. Pimpadelic Wonderland (www.pimpadelic-wonderland.negation.net): An old lady with a pie introduces you to this realm of everything '70s. There's the Boutique, which sells items like bachelor mousepads and various T-shirts. The Weird World of '70s Cinema covers everything from Dennis Hopper to *The Omega Man* to lost movies like *The Naked Ape*. No "Reagan freaks" are allowed in Jimmy Carter's Peanut Gallery but everyone's invited to Herve's Luv Pad, named after the actor who portrayed Tattoo on *Fantasy Island*.

2. Blaxploitation.com (www.blaxploitation.com): You know you saw those movies or at least want to see them now: classics like *Coffy*, *Blacula*, *Black Caesar*, *Cleopatra Jones*, and *Cotton Comes to Harlem*. This site has info on movies, posters, soundtracks, and even soundtrack MP3s regarding these films and others.

3. Sanford-and-son.com (www.sanford-and-son.com): Listen up, dummy! This site is all about Fred, Lamont, Aunt Esther, and the rest of the gang. There's trivia info ("the G stands for ..."), Sounds and Images, and even a Contact the Cast page. Last, but certainly not least, is the Five Across Yo' Lips! Page, which features an interactive section that includes a message board, more trivia, and a survey.

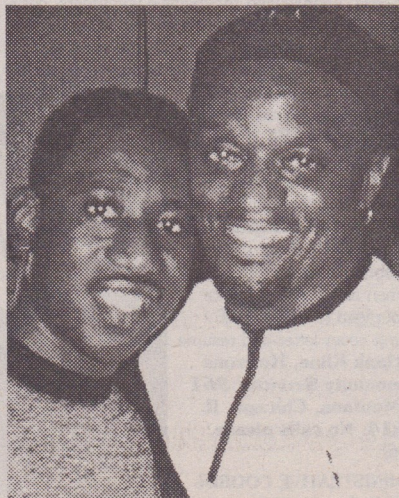
4. Angela Davis (felix.vcu.edu/~mcapers/ramond.htm): This is a fascinating site about the activist, with poetry selections, interview snippets, and diary excerpts from her life in the '60s and '70s. The poem she wrote after the bombing of the Birmingham-based 16th Street Baptist Church is particularly moving.

5. Bad Songs of the Seventies (www.furious.com/perfect/badsongs.html): Prepared by Billy Bob (uh-oh) Hargus, the list includes songs by ABBA ("Dancing Queen"), Cher ("Half Breed"), Carl Douglas ("Kung Fu Fighting"), and the Village People ("YMCA").

E-mail me: turn_it_up@hotmail.com.



Party time at Club Escape for Black Pride. Photos by LaJ



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Predominantly Black Gay Clubs

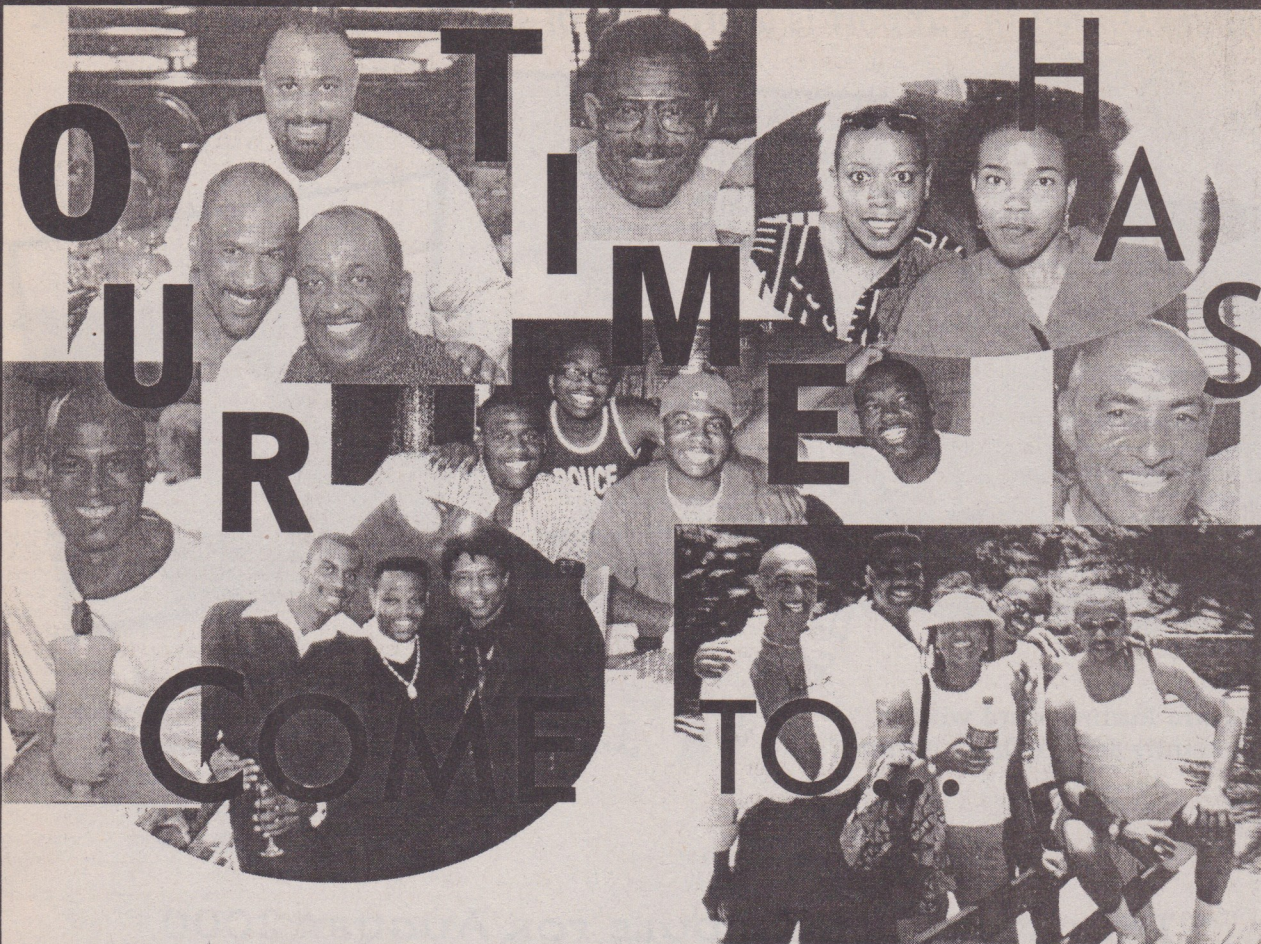
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p.mccombs@worldnet.att.net	773-375-7144
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MW,D, TheRails@aol.com	708-802-1705

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ROSCOE'S 3354-N. Halsted, MW, D, V, E, Cafe	773-281-3355
SIDETRACK 3349 N. Halsted, M, V	773-477-9189
SPIN, Halsted & Belmont, MW, D	773-327-7711
STAR GAZE 5419 N. Clark, M,W,R,D,E	773-561-7363
TEMPTATIONS 10235 W. Grand, Franklin Park, W, D,V, E, 4, (5a Fri/Sat)	847-455-0008

Resources

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Adodi African-American men	312-458-9584
Affinity, creating a South Side community center	
P.O. Box 496002, Chicago, IL 60649	773-324-0377
A Real Read—African-American Lesbian/Gay/Trans Performers	
www.uic.edu/orgs/arealread	312-409-2457
BLACKLINES, Lambda Pub/OUTLINES	
1115 W. Belmont, #2-D, 60657 (FAX) 773-871-7609	773-871-7610
Brother 2 Brother Chicago BRO2BROCHI@aol.com	
P.O. Box 496024, Chicago 60649	
BROTHERS C.A.N. (Community Awareness Network)	
Programming	773-752-7867
Brothers United Together HIV+ men/Afric Descent	773-752-7867
Chicago Black Lesbians & Gays,	
P.O. Box 14811, Chicago, IL 60614-1181	312-409-4917
Chicago Black Pride	773-288-2078
chicagoblackpride@yahoo.com	
Church of the Open Door FAX (773) 778-0178	773-778-3030
Black lesbian/gay/trans/heterosexual Church, 5954 S. Albany	
EXECUTIVE SWEET 7345 S. Luella 60649; call for party info	
p.mccombs@worldnet.att.net	773-375-7144
GAMBA: Discussion for men of African Descent	773-752-7867
Greater Chicago Committee, 5061 W. Madison, 2nd floor	
Fax (773) 287-9860	773-287-3263
Harambe Wellness Center	773-388-1600
Harambe Jahard Suburban	
Afric.-Amer. Bi/GayMen	708-492-2055
Horizons Community Services	773-929-HELP
Anti-Violence Project: Horizons/24 hrs	773-871-CARE
Howard Brown Health Center	773-388-1600
Imani Umoja, Chicago Afric.-Amer Bi/Gay men	773-907-8993
Lakeside Pride Freedom Band	773-381-6693
Lesbian Community Cancer Project	773-561-4662
Men of All Colors Together/Chicago, PO Box 408922, 60640-8922	312-409-6916
Minority Outreach Intervention Proj, FAX 312-986-0928	
1346 S. Michigan	312-986-0661
National Black L&G Leadership Forum	202-483-6786
Oak Park Area Womyn's Drumming Circle	708-763-0991
Onyx/Chicago leather/men, 1340 Irving, #188, 60613	
PAC Social Club, PACSOCIALC@aol.com	
Roseland Community Hospital	773-995-6469
Southside Coalition 10420 S. Halsted, HIV	773-445-9520
Test Positive Aware/Brothers United in Support	773-404-8726
Toussaintian Brothers of Illinois	847-625-7263
TransGenesis trans support	800-805-4052
United Faith Affinitas, Black L/G/Bi, 1448 E. 53rd	773-878-7839
Women of All Colors Together	773-267-0976, (708) 869-9120
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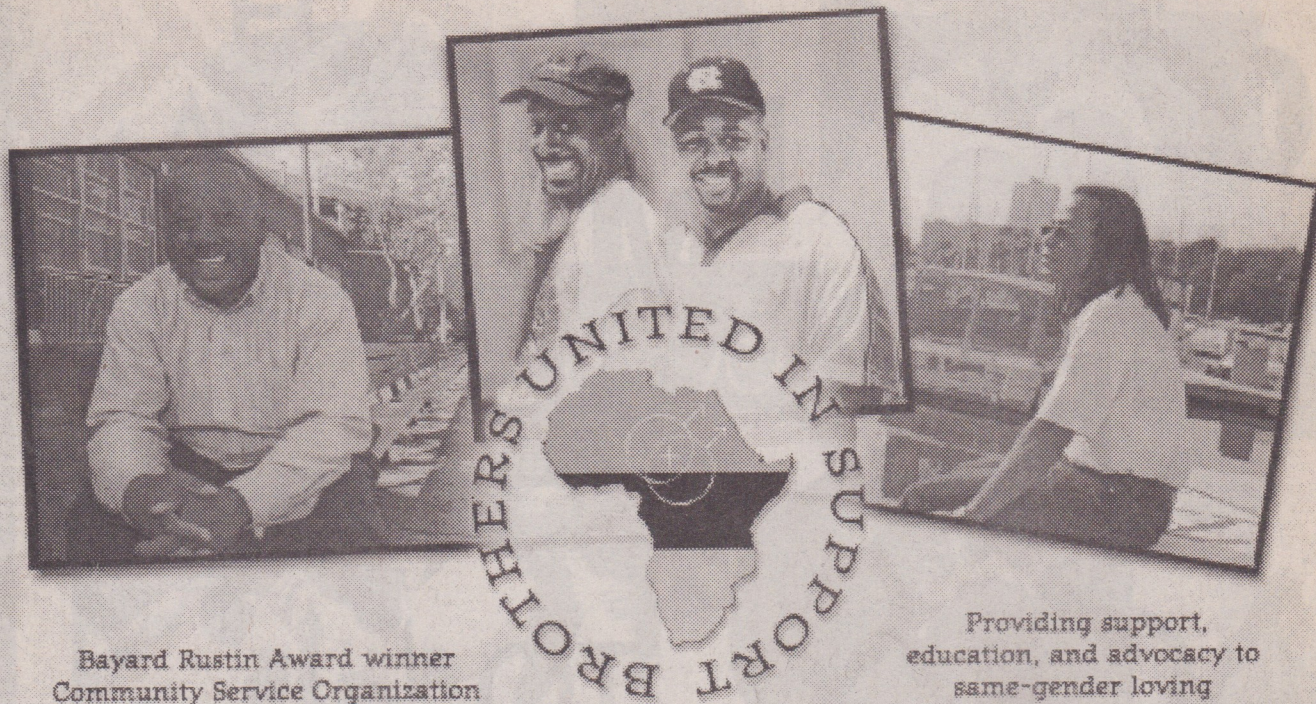
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